Let's Talk Arabic!

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Real-life Phrases and Idioms—The way people really speak

*Actually, 1,259!

Arabic

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The Arabic presented in this phrase book is natural spoken Arabic with an Egyptian pronunciation. This is universally understood and will help you communicate throughout the Arab World.

Starting from *Ahlan*

Greetings

Hello!

أهلا!
ah-lan!

Good morning.

صباح الخير.
***S**a-baa**H** il-khayr.*

Good evening.

مساء الخير.
mesa il-khayr.

Have a great day!

نهارك أبيض!
*na-harak (na-harik) ab-ya**D**!*

What's up?

إيه الأخبار؟
e-il-akh-bar?

Wherever it falls in a word, an Arabic "h" is pronounced like the first letter of the English word "hat." Try sounding out "hat" as if you were a small child learning to spell: "h-a-t." Then reverse the sounds and drop the "t," producing "a-h." This is the Arabic

sound *ah* as in *ah-lan* (hello).

To help your pronunciation, the parts of the word that need to be emphasized are underlined; for example, *iz-zay*, *ta-maam*. Say these parts with more stress.

All good?

كله تمام؟
koll-o ta-maam?

Nothing much.

مافيش.
ma-feesh.

How are you? / How's it going?

إزي الحال؟
*iz-zay il-**H**aal?*

Great.

تمام.
ta-maam.

Really great!

آخر تمام!
aa-khir ta-maam.

Things are okay.

ماشي الحال.
*maa-shee il-**H**aal.*

I have a headache.

عندي صداع.
***A**andee **S**o-da**A**.*

You got a fifty I can borrow?

معاك خمسين سلف؟
*ma**A**-aak (ma**A**-aaki) kham-seen salaf?*

How's all the family?

إزي الجماعة كلهم؟
*iz-zay ig-gama-**A**a koll-ohom?*

How's your wife? / How are the kids?

إزي المدام / إزي الأولاد؟
iz-zay il-mad-dam? / iz-zay il-ow-laad?

They're all great. And you?

كلهم تمام. وانتوا؟
koll-ohom ta-maam. wen-too?

Goodbyes

Goodbye.

مع السلامة.
*ma-**A**as sa-laa-ma.*

Bye.

سلام.
sa-laam.

See you tomorrow.

أشوفكوا بكرة.
ashoof-koo bukra.

See you later.

أشوفكوا بعدين.
*ashoof-koo ba**A**-dayn.*

Take care.

خللي بالك.
khal-lee baa-lak (baa-lik).

An alternative in parentheses means that this is how the word should be pronounced both by and when speaking to a female. For example, “Take care” should be pronounced *khal-lee baa-lik;* and “Have a great day!” on page 1 is *na-harik ab-ya**D!***

Till we meet again.

أشوفكوا على خير.
*ashoof-koo **A**ala khayr.*

Good night.

تصبحوا على خير.
*ti**S**ba**H**oo **A**ala khayr.*

Sweet dreams.

أحلام سعيدة.
*a**H**-laam sa**A**-eeda.*

It’ll be better in the morning.

الصباح رباح.
*i**S**-**S**a-baa**H** ra-baa**H**.*

Introductions

What’s your name?

اسمك ايه؟
is-mak (is-mik) eh?

My name is _____.

اسمي _____.
is-mee _____.

My friends call me _____.

أصحابي بيسموني _____.
*a**S**-**H**aa-bee bey-sam-moo-nee _____.*

Pleased to meet you.

فرصة سعيدة.
*for**S**a sa**A**-eeda.*

Wherever it falls in a word, an Arabic “s” is pronounced like the first letter of the English word “sit.” Try not to let it slide to a “z” sound as we do in the English words “is” and “these.” In Arabic words such as *is-mee* (my name), keep the “s” sound true as in the English word “this.”

I’ve heard a lot about you.

سمعت عنك كثير.
*sa-ma**A**t **A**anak (**A**anik) kiteer.*

It’s been delightful.

أنا اتشرفت.
enat-shar-raft.

Lovely shoes.

حلوة الجزمة دي.
***H**il-wa ig-gazma dee.*

May I introduce _____.

أقدملك _____.
a’a-dim-lak (a’a-dim-lik) _____.

He’s my friend. / She’s my friend.

ده صديقي. / دي صديقتي.
*dah **S**adeeq-ee. / dee **S**adiq-tee.*

He’s from _____. / She’s from _____.

هو من _____. / هي من _____.
huw-wa min _____. / hey-ya min _____.

He’s a friend of _____.

ده صديق _____.
*dah **S**adeeq _____.*

She’s a friend of _____.

دي صديقة. _____
*dee **s**adeeq-it _____.*

They're with us for _____ days.

قاعدين معانا _____ يوم.
*a**A**-deen ma-**A**a-na _____ yom.*

Do you speak English?

بتتكلم (بتتكلمي) انجليزي؟
btit-kal-lim (btit-kal-limee) ingleezee?

Your English is great!

الانجليزي بتاعك هايل!
*!il-ingleezee bit-ta-**A**ak (bit-ta-**A**ik) hay-yil*

I speak only a little Arabic.

باتكلم عربي خفيف.
*bat-kal-lim **A**arabee khafeef.*

A capital "***A***" in the pronunciation is a deep gutteral "a" which sounds like it's coming from the stomach. Imagine you are trying to say "ah" at the dentist when the drill touches a nerve! The word ***A***arabee (Arabic) begins with this sound.

Getting Help

Can you help me?

ممكن تساعدني (تساعديني)؟
*momkin tisa-**A**id-nee (tisa**A**-dee-nee)?*

Can you do me a favor?

ممكن تعمللي معروف؟
*momkin ti**A**-mil-lee ma**A**-roof?*

Do you have any change, please?

معاك فكة من فضلك؟

*ma**A**-aak (ma**A**-aaki) fakka min fa**D**lak (fa**D**lik)?*

Would you keep an eye on . . .

ممكن عينك على . . .
*momkin **A**eye-nak (**A**eye-nik) **A**ala . . .*

my bag, please?

شنطتي، من فضلك؟
*shan-**T**ittee min fa**D**lak (fa**D**lik)?*

my seat, please?

الكرسي، من فضلك؟
*ik-korsee min fa**D**lak (fa**D**lik)?*

Pleasantries

Thank you.

شكرا.
shok-ran.

Thank you very much.

ألف شكر.
elf shokr.

Don't mention it.

العفو.
*il-**A**af-wu.*

Don't worry about it.

ولا يهمك.
wa-laa yi-him-mak (yi-him-mik).

Excuse me.

لا مؤاخذة.
laa mo-aakh-za.

Sorry.

آسف (آسفة).
aasif (asfa).

Forgive me.

سامحني (سامحيني).
*sa-mi**H**-nee (sam-**H**ee-nee).*

A capital "***H***" in the pronunciation represents a breathy "h" sound. Imagine you are saying "huh" while breathing on your glasses to clean them.

Asking

who?
meen?
what?
shoo?
when?
imta?
where?
wayn?
why?
laysh?
which?
ayy?
how?
kayf?
how much?
kam?
how many?
kam?

Answering

yes.
na'am.
no.
laa.
maybe.
*ma-**A**araf-shi.*

I don’t know.
ماعرفش

An apostrophe in the pronunciation, as in laa’a (no) for example, represents a short break or glottal stop. This is the sound produced when you say “butter” while dropping the “tt” in the middle of the word.

Numbers

0 *sifr* صفر
1 *waaHid* واحد
2 *tnayn* اتنين
3 *talaata* تلاتة
4 *arba-Aa* اربعة
5 *khamsa* خمسة
6 *sit-ta* ستة
7 *sab-Aa* سبعة
8 *tamaan-ya* تمانية
9 *is-Aa* تسعة
10 *Ash-ra* عشرة
11 *Hid-ashar* حداشر
12 *itnashar* اتناشر
13 *talat-tashar* تلتاشر
14 *arbaA-tashar* اربعتاشر
15 *khamas-tashar* خمستاشر
16 *s-tashar* ستاشر
17 *sabaA-tashar* سبعتاشر
18 *tman-tashar* تمنتاشر
19 *tisaA-tashar* تسعتاشر

20 عشرين *ish-reen*

21 واحد وعشرين *waaHid wi-Aish-reen*

22 اثنين وعشرين *ithnayn wi-Aish-reen*

30 ثلاثين *tha-teen*

40 أربعين *arba-Aeen*

50 خمسين *kham-seen*

60 ستين *sit-teen*

70 سبعين *sab-Aeen*

80 ثمانين *tha-maa-neen*

90 تسعين *tis-Aeen*

100 مية *miyya*

200 ميتين *mitayn*

500 خمسمية *khumsu-meyya*

1,000 ألف *alf*

10,000 عشر تلاف *Ashar talaaf*

100,000 مية ألف *miyyit alf*

1,000,000 مليون *milyoon*

first أول *awwil*

second تاني *taani*

third تالت *taalit*

fourth رابع *raabiA*

fifth خامس *khaamis*

sixth سادس *saadis*

seventh سابع *saabiA*

eighth تامن *taamin*

ninth تاسع *taasiA*

tenth عاشر *aashir*

a half نص *niS*

a third تلت *tilt*

a quarter ربع *rubA*

How old are you?

عندك كام سنة؟
Aan-dak (Aan-dik) kaam sana?

I'm [23] years old.

.عندي [تلاتة وعشرين] سنة
Aan-dee [talaata wi-Aish-reen] sana.

How much does this cost?

بكام ده (دي)؟
bi-kaam dah (dee)?

It costs [127] pounds.

.بـ[مية سبعة وعشرين] جنيه
bi [meyya sab-Aa wi-Aish-reen] gi-nayh.

Colors

white أبيض *abyaD*

pink بمبي *bimbi*

purple بنفسجي *banafsa-gee*

red أحمر *aHmar*

orange برتقالي *burtu'aanee*

yellow أصفر *aSfar*

green أخضر *akhDar*

blue أزرق *azra'*

brown بني *bunnee*

gray رمادي *ramaadee*

black أسود *aswad*

"kh" in the pronunciation represents a single Arabic sound. This is the sound made while clearing your throat, similar to the "ch"

in the Yiddish “**ch**utzpah” or the German “Ba**ch**.” Examples include *khamsa* (five) and *akh-ɒar* (green).

Months and Seasons

January
يناير
January

February
فبراير
February

March
مارس
March

April
أبريل
April

May
مايو
May-yo

June
يونيو
June-yo

July
يوليو
July-yo

August
أغسطس
August-us

September
سبتمبر
September

October
أكتوبر
October

November
نوفمبر
November

December
ديسمبر
December

spring
الربيع
ar-rabeeA

summer
الصيف
as-sayf

fall/autumn
الخريف
al-khareef

winter
الشتاء
ash-shi-ta

[three] months ago
من [تلات] شهور
min [tal-at] sho-hoor

last month

الشهر اللي فات
ish-shah-r illi faat

this month

الشهر ده
ish-shah-r dah

next month

الشهر الجاي
ish-shah-r ig-gayy

in [three] months

بعد [تلات] شهور
baAd [tal-at] sho-hoor

[three] years ago

من [تلات] سنين
min [tal-at] sineen

last year

السنة اللي فاتت
is-sana illi faat-it

this year

السنة دي
is-sana dee

next year

السنة الجاية
is-sana ig-gay-ya

in [three] years

بعد [تلات] سنين
baAd [tal-at] sineen

Days and Weeks

Monday

الاتنين

Tuesday

الثلاث
Tuleta

Wednesday

الأربع
Wadnes

Thursday

الخميس
Thhursday

Friday

الجمعة
Ig-gimAa

Saturday

السبت
Sabt

Sunday

الأحد
Hadd

[three] days ago

من [تلت] أيام
min [talat] tay-yaam

the day before yesterday

أول امبارح
ow-wil im-baariH

yesterday

امبارح
im-baariH

today

النهاردة
in-nahaar-da

tomorrow

بكرة
bukra

the day after tomorrow

بعد بكرة
baAd bukra

in [three] days

بعد [تلت] أيام
baAd [tal-at] tay-yaam

weekend

آخر الأسبوع
aa-khir il-usboo-A

last [Monday]

الاتنين] اللي فات]
[il-itnayn] illi faat

this [Monday]

الاتنين] ده]
[il-itnayn] dah

next [Monday]

الاتنين] الجاي]
[il-itnayn] ig-gayy

What day is it today?

النهاردة إيه؟
in-nahaar-da eh?

What's today's date?

تاريخ النهاردة إيه؟
ta-reekh in-nahaar-da eh?

September 16th.

ستاشر سبتمبر.
*sit-t**A**ashar seb-tem-bir.*

Today is the [16th].

النهاردة [ستاشر].
*in-nahaar-da [sit-t**A**ashar].*

two weeks ago

من أسبوعين
*min usboo-**A**ayn*

last week

الأسبوع اللي فات
*il-usboo-**A** illi faat*

this week

الأسبوع ده
*il-usboo-**A** dah*

next week

الأسبوع الجاي
*il-usboo-**A** ig-gayy*

in two weeks

بعد أسبوعين
*ba**A**d usboo-**A**ayn*

Telling Time

Excuse me, what time is it?

الساعة كام من فضلك؟
*is-saa-**A**a kaam min fa**D**lak (fa**D**lik)?*

It's . . .

. . . الساعة
*is-saa-**A**a . . .*

9:00 [in the morning].

(تسعة (الصبح.
*tis-**A**a [i**S**-**S**ob**H**].*

3:00 [in the afternoon].

(تلاتة (بعد الضهر.
*talaata [ba**A**d i**D**-**D**uh-r].*

11:00 [in the evening].

(حداشر (بالليل.
***H**id-ashar [bil-layl].*

4:00.

أربعة.
*arba-**A**a.*

4:05.

أربعة وخمسة.
*arba-**A**a wi-khamsa.*

4:15 (quarter past 4).

أربعة وربع.
*arba-**A**a wi-rub**A**.*

4:20.

أربعة وتلت.
*arba-**A**a wi-tilt.*

6:30 (half past 6).

ستة ونص.
*sit-ta wi-nu**SS**.*

6:35 (twenty-five to 7).

ستة ونص وخمسة.
*sit-ta wi-nu**SS** wi-khamsa.*

6:45 (quarter to 7).

سبعة إلا ربع.
*sab-**A**a illa rub**A**.*

6:55 (five to 7).

سبعة إلا خمسة.
*sab-**A**a illa khamsa.*

in the morning

الصبح
*i**S**-**S**ob**H***

midday

الضهر
*i**D**-**D**uh-r*

in the afternoon

بعد الضهر
*ba**A**d i**D**-**D**uh-r*

in the evening

بالليل
bil-layl

two days ago

من يومين
min yomayn

tomorrow night

بكرة بالليل
bukra bil-layl

The three capital letters "***D***," "***T***" and "***S***" in the pronunciation represent "back" versions of these sounds. The contrast is similar to the different initial sounds when you say the English words "till," "dig" and "sip" (with your tongue close to your teeth), compared to "toll," "dog" and "sop" (with your tongue further back in your mouth). Try it yourself.

How long will it take?

حياخد (حتاخد) وقت قد إيه؟
***H**a-yakhud (**H**a-takhud) wa't 'addi eh?*

An hour.

ساعة.
*saa-**A**a.*

A couple of hours.

ساعتين.
*sa**A**-tayn.*

Half an hour.

نص ساعة.
*nu**SS**i saa-**A**a.*

Ten minutes.

عشر دقايق.
***A**shar da-'aay-i'.*

before

قبل
abl

after

بعد
*ba**A**d*

a couple of hours ago

من ساعتين
*min sa**A**-tayn*

in a couple of hours

بعد ساعتين
*ba**A**d sa**A**-tayn*

a couple of hours later

بعدها بساعتين
*ba**A**da-haa bi-sa**A**-tayn*

a couple of hours before

قبلها بساعتين
*abla-haa bi-sa**A**-tayn*

I'll see you . . .

أشوفكوا . . .
ashuf-koo . . .

tomorrow morning.

بكرة الصبح.
*bukra i**S-S**ob**H**.*

[Thursday] night.

يوم [الخميس] بالليل.
yom [il-khamees] bil-layl.

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every day

كل يوم

koll-i yom

forever

على طول
***A**ala **T**ool*

always

دايما
dayman

sometimes

ساعات
*sa**A**-aat*

never

أبدا
aba-dan

Getting There

Tickets

a . . . ticket

. . . تذكرة
taz-kara . . .

one-way

رايح بس
raayiʜ bas

round-trip

رايح جاي
raayiʜ gayy

student

لطالب
li-ʈaa-lib

cheap

رخيصة
ri-kheeʂa

economy / coach class

درجة سياحية
daraga siyya-ʜeyya

business class

درجة رجال أعمال

*daragit rigaal a**A**-maal*

first class

درجة أولى
daraga oola

ticket counter

شباك تذاكر
shib-baak tazaa-kir

discount

تخفيض
*takh-fee**D***

A round-trip ticket to [Aswan], please.

تذكرة لـ[أسوان] رايح جاي من فضلك.
*taz-kara li-[as-waan] raayi**H** gayy, min fa**D**lak (fa**D**lik).*

We want to . . .

عاوزين . . .
***A**aw-zeen . . .*

change our tickets.

نغيير التذاكر.
ni-ghay-yar it-tazaa-kir.

return our tickets.

نرجع التذاكر.
*ni-rag-ga**A** it-tazaa-kir.*

"gh" in the pronunciation represents a single Arabic sound. This is a little like the sound you make while gargling in the back of your throat, or imitating the noise made by a small motorcycle. Examples include the word *ghurfa* (room) and *ni-ghay-yar* (we change).

We lost our tickets.

تذاكرنا ضاعت.
*tazaa-kirna **D**aa-**A**it.*

We want our money back.

عاوزين نسترد فلوسنا.
***A**aw-zeen nista-ridd filos-na.*

Making Reservations

I'm staying in / at . . .

أنا نازل (نازلة) في . . .
ena naazil (nazla) fee . . .

a hotel.

فندق.
fondu'.

a boarding house.

بنسيون.
bens-yon.

a tourist village.

قرية سياحية.
*qarya siyya-**H**eyya.*

a youth hostel.

بيت الشباب.
bayt ish-shab-baab.

a beach campsite.

مخيم على الشاطئ.
*mo-khay-yam **A**alash shaa-**T**i'.*

an oasis.

واحة.
*waa-**H**a.*

a friend's house.

بيت واحد صاحبي.
*bayt waa**H**id **S**a**H**-bee.*

Don't forget about the special Arabic sounds represented by the capital letters in the pronunciation. See pages 6, 7 and 17 to remind yourself.

I'd like to make a reservation . . .

عاوز (عاوزة) أحجز . . .
***A**a-wiz (**A**aw-za) a**H**-giz . . .*

for one night.

ليلة واحدة.
*layla wa**H**da.*

for two nights.

ليلتين.
layl-tayn.

for three nights.

تلات ليالي.
talat la-yaalee.

for a week.

أسبوع.
*usboo-**A**.*

for one person.

لشخص واحد.
*li-shakh**S** waa**H**id.*

for two people.

لشخصين.
*li-shakh-**S**ayn.*

We are two girls.

إحنا بنتين.

*i**H**na bintayn.*

We are two guys.

إحنا ولدين.
*i**H**na waladayn.*

We are together.

إحنا مع بعض.
*i**H**na ma-**A**a ba**AD**.*

Do you take cards?

بتأخذوا كروت؟
bi-takh-doo kuroot?

How much is a room . . .

كام سعر الغرفة . . .
*kaam si**A**r il-ghurfa . . .*

for one person?

لشخص واحد؟
*li-shakh**S** waa**H**id?*

for two people?

لشخصين؟
*li-shakh-**S**ayn?*

with a bathroom?

مع حمام؟
*ma-**A**a **H**am-maam?*

on the sea front?

على البحر؟
***A**alal ba**H**r?*

Does the room have . . .

الغرفة فيها . . .
il-ghurfa fee-haa . . .

a TV?

تليفزيون؟
tili-fizyon?

air conditioning?

تكييف؟
tak-yeef?

a refrigerator?

ثلاجة؟
tal-laa-ga?

a balcony?

بلكونة؟
bala-kona?

Wi-Fi?

واي فاي؟
wi-fi?

May I have . . .

. . . ممكن اطلب
momkin aTlub . . .

an extra bed?

سرير إضافي؟
si-reer iDaa-fee?

some mosquito repellant?

مبيد للناموس؟
mo-beed lin-naa-moos?

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men رجال *rigaal*

women نساء *nisaa'*

mixed مختلط *mikhtalaT*

Do you have . . .

عندكم . . .
Aandu-kum . . .

sheets?

ملايات؟
mila-yaat?

blankets?

بطاطين؟
baTaa-Teen?

towels?

فوط؟
fu-waT?

soap and shampoo?

صابون وشامبو؟
saboon wi-shamboo?

Is there . . .

فيه هنا . . .
feeh hina . . .

a swimming pool?

حمام سباحة؟
Ham-maam sibaa-Ha?

a gym?

صالة جيم؟
Saalit jim?

a kitchen?

مطبخ؟
muT-bakh?

What are the hours for . . .

ايه مواعيد . . .
*eh mawa-**A**eed . . .*

entering the room?

دخول الغرفة؟
dukhool il-ghurfa?

vacating the room?

مغادرة الغرفة؟
mo-ghad-rit il-ghurfa?

Do I have to leave the key here?

لازم أسيب المفتاح هنا؟
*laazim aseeb il-mof-taa**H** hina?*

Can I leave my luggage here for the day?

ممكن أسيب شنطي هنا طول النهار؟
*momkin aseeb shona-**T**ee hina **T**ool in-nahaar?*

Can you give me directions . . .

ممكن تدلني على الطريق . . .
*momkin tidil-linee **A**ala**T** **T**aree' . . .*

from the airport?

من المطار؟
*min il-ma**T**aar?*

from the train station?

من محطة القطر؟
*min ma**H**a**T**-**T**it il-a**T**r?*

from the bus station?

من موقف الأوتوبيس؟
min mow'af il-otobees?

In Transit

I'm going . . .

أنا رايح (رايحة) . . .
*ena raayi**H** (ray-**H**a) . . .*

by airplane.

بالطيارة.
*bi**T**-**T**ay-yaara.*

by train / rail.

بالقطر.
*bil-a**T**r.*

by subway.

بالمترو.
bil-metro.

by bus / coach.

بالأوتوبيس.
bil-otobees.

by taxi.

بتاكسي.
bi-taxi.

by bicycle.

بالعجلة.
*bil-**A**ag-ala.*

on horseback.

بالحصان.
*bil-**H**u-**S**aan.*

on foot.

ماشي.
maa-shee.

with my friends.

مع أصحابي.

*ma-**A**a a**S-H**aabee.*

with my dad and mom.

مع أبويا وأمي.
*ma-**A**a aboo-ya wi-om-mee.*

with the group.

مع الفوج.
*ma-**A**al fawg.*

alone.

وحدي
*wa**H**dee.*

Air Travel

flight

رحلة طيران
*ri**H**lit **T**aya-raan*

airport

مطار
*ma**T**aar*

airline

شركة طيران
*sher-kit **T**aya-raan*

international flight

رحلة طيران دولي
*ri**H**lit **T**aya-raan dawlee*

domestic flight

رحلة طيران داخلي
*ri**H**lit **T**aya-raan dakhlee*

delay

تأخير

ta'-kheer

ticket

تذكرة
taz-kara

pilot

كابتن
kabtin

flight attendant

مضيف (مضيفة)
*mo**D**eef (mo**D**eefa)*

The alternative in parentheses refers to a female. See page 3.

Where is / are the . . .

فين . . .
fayn . . .

check-in counter?

مكتب التسجيل؟
mektab it-tas-geel?

departure hall?

صالة السفر؟
***S**aalit is-safar?*

arrivals hall?

صالة الوصول؟
***S**aalit il-wo**S**ool?*

gate?

البوابة؟
il-baw-waa-ba?

baggage hall?

صالة الشنط؟
***S**aalit ish-shona**T**?*

lost-and-found office?

مكتب المفقودات؟
mektab il-maf-qoodaat?

bar and restaurant?

البار والمطعم؟
*il-bar wil-ma**T-A**am?*

I'm on the flight to [Luxor].

أنا على رحلة [الأقصر].
*ena **A**ala ri**H**lit [luq-**S**ur].*

When's the flight to [Tunisia]?

امتى رحلة [تونس]؟
*imta ri**H**lit [toonis]?*

From which gate?

من أي بوابة؟
min ayyi baw-waa-ba?

I have two large bags.

معايا شنطتين كبار.
*ma-**A**aya shan**T**a-tayn kubaar.*

I only have a shoulder bag.

معايا شنطة كتف بس.
*ma-**A**aya shan**T**it kitf bas.*

Where's the boarding pass.

فين بطاقة الصعود؟
*fayn bi**T**aa'it i**S-S**o-**A**ood?*

Is the flight . . .

الرحلة . . .
*ir-ri**H**la . . .*

on time?

في ميعادها؟
*fee mee**A**aad-haa?*

early?
بدري؟
bad-dree?

late?
متأخرة؟
mit-akh-khara?

canceled?
الغيت؟
il-ghee?

crowded?
زحمة؟
za-ma?

My ticket is . . .

. . . أنا تذكرتي
ena taz-kartee . . .

first class.

.درجة أولى
daraga oola.

business class.

.درجة رجال أعمال
*dara-git rigaal a**A**-maal.*

economy / coach.

.درجة سياحية
*daraga siyya-**H**eyya.*

an aisle seat.

.كرسي على الممر
*kursee **A**alal mamarr.*

a window seat.

.كرسي جنب الشباك
kursee ganb ish-shib-baak.

the bathroom.

.الحمام
*il-**H**am-maam.*

My bags are . . .

. . . شنطي

sho-naTee . . .

missing.

مش موجودة.
mish mow-goo-da.

damaged.

تلفانة.
tal-faana.

heavy.

تقيلة.
ti-'eela.

Remember that "kh" and "gh" in the pronunciation represent single Arabic sounds. See pages 11 and 22.

Train Travel

train

قطر
aTr

tracks

قضبان
quD-baan

baggage locker

صندوق شنط
San-doo' shonaT

passenger compartment

مقصورة الركاب
ma'-Soorit ir-rok-kaab

dining car

مقصورة المطعم
*ma'-**S**oorit il-ma**TA**am*

Where is the train station?

فين محطة القطر؟
*fayn ma**H**a**T-T**it il-a**T**r?*

I have a reservation on the train to [Alexandria].

أنا حاجز (حاجزة) في قطر [اسكندرية].
*ena **H**aagiz (**H**agza) fee a**T**r [isken-de-reyya].*

When's the train to [Cairo]?

امتي قطر [القاهرة]؟
*imta a**T**r [il-qaa-hira]?*

From which platform?

من أي رصيف؟
*min ayyi ra**S**eef?*

I'd like a ticket . . .

عاوز (عاوزة) تذكرة . . .
***A**a-wiz (**A**aw-za) taz-kara . . .*

returning the same day.

رايح جاي في نفس اليوم.
*raayi**H** gayy fee nafs il-yom.*

returning in a couple of days.

رايح، وراجع بعد يومين.
*raayi**H**, wi-raa-gi**A** ba**A**d yomayn.*

open return within a month.

رجوع مفتوح لمدة شهر.
*ro-goo**A** maf-too**H** li-mod-dit shahr.*

We want . . .

عاوزين . . .
***A**aw-zeen . . .*

two tickets in the sleeping car.

تذكرتين في عربية النوم.
*taz-kar-tayn fee **A**arabey-yit in-nome.*

four tickets in the sleeping car.

أربع تذاكر في عربية النوم.
*ar-ba**A** tazaa-kir fee **A**arabey-yit in-nome.*

three seats next to each other.

تلات كراسي جنب بعض.
*talat ka-raasee ganb ba**AD**.*

some pillows.

مخدات.
mi-khad-daat.

some blankets.

بطاطين.
*ba**T**a-**T**een.*

Bus Travel

Where is the bus station?

فين محطة الأوتوبيس؟
*fayn ma**HaT-T**it il-otobees?*

Do I need a reservation?

محتاج (محتاجة) حجز؟
*mi**H**-taag (mi**H**-taaga) **H**agz?*

Can you turn up the air conditioning, please?

ممكن ترفع التكييف من فضلك؟
*momkin tir-fa**A** it-tak-yeef min fa**D**lak?*

Can you turn down the air conditioning, please?

ممكن تخفف التكييف من فضلك؟
*momkin ti-khaf-fif it-tak-yeef min fa**D**lak?*

Is there long left?

فاضل كتير؟
faaDil kiteer?

Are we there yet?

إحنا وصلنا؟
iHna wa-Salna?

Passport and Customs

passport

جواز سفر
gawaaz safar

visa

تأشيرة
ta'-sheera

ID card

بطاقة شخصية
bi-Taa'a shakh-Seyya

driver's license

رخصة قيادة
rukh-Sit qi-yaada

customs

جمارك
ga-maarik

customs declaration

إقرار جمركي
iq-raar gum-rukee

business trip

زيارة عمل

*zi-yaarit **A**amal*

tourist trip

رحلة سياحية
*ri**H**la siya-**H**eyya*

I'm American.

أنا أمريكي (أمريكية).
ena amree-kee (amree-keyya).

I lost my passport.

جوازي ضاع.
*gawaazee **D**aa**A**.*

I plan to stay for [one month].

ناوي (ناوية) أقعد [شهر].
*naa-wee (naw-ya) a'-**A**ud [shahr].*

I have business interests here.

ليا مصالح وأعمال هنا.
*ley-ya ma-**S**aa-li**H** wi-**A**a-maal hina.*

I am visiting the American University.

أنا في زيارة للجامعة الأمريكية.
*ena fee zi-yaara lig-gam-**A**a il-amree-keyya.*

I study Egyptology.

أنا بأدرس علم المصريات.
*ena bad-rus **A**ilm il-musrey-yaat.*

I'm in the oil business.

أنا باشتغل في مجال البترول.
ena bash-taghal fee magaal il-bet-roll.

I'm on a quick visit.

أنا في زيارة سريعة.
*ena fee zi-yaara sa-ree-**A**a.*

I have nothing to declare.

مافيش معايا ممنوعات.
*ma-feesh ma-**A**aya mam-noo-**A**aat.*

Countries and Nationalities

Britain / British

بريطانيا / بريطاني(ة)
*biri-**T**aan-ya / biri-**T**aan-ee (biri-**T**aan-eyya)*

America / American

أمريكا / أمريكي(ة)
amree-ka / amree-kee (amree-keyya)

Canada / Canadian

كندا / كندي(ة)
kana-da / kana-dee (kana-deyya)

Australia / Australian

استراليا / استرالي(ة)
osto-raal-ya / osto-raa-lee (osto-ra-leyya)

New Zealand / Kiwi

نيوزيلاندا / نيوزيلاندي(ة)
nyoo zee-lan-da / nyoo zee-lan-dee (nyoo zee-lan-deyya)

Egypt / Egyptian

مصر / مصري(ة)
*mu**S**r / mu**S**-ree (mu**S**-reyya)*

Tunisia / Tunisian

تونس / تونسي(ة)
toonis / tun-see (tu-ne-seyya)

Morocco / Moroccan

المغرب / مغرب(ة)
il-maghrib / maghri-bee (maghri-beyya)

Emirates / Emirati

الإمارات / إماراتي(ة)
il-ima-raat / ima-raatee (ima-raateyya)

France / French

فرنسا / فرنساوي(ة)
faran-sa / faran-sa-wee (faran-sa-weyya)

Spain / Spanish

أسبانيا / أسباني(ة)
espan-ya / espan-ee (espan-eyya)

Portugal / Portuguese

البرتغال / برتغالي(ة)
il-burtu-ghaal / burtu-ghaal-ee (burtu-ghaal-eyya)

Italy / Italian

ايطاليا / ايطالي(ة)
*ee-**T**aal-ya / ee-**T**aa-lee (ee-**T**aa-leyya)*

Greece / Greek

اليونان / يوناني(ة)
il-yoo-naan / yoo-naa-nee (yoo-naa-neyya)

Germany / German

ألمانيا / ألماني(ة)
al-man-ya / al-man-ee (al-ma-neyya)

Switzerland / Swiss

سويسرا / سويسري(ة)
swiss-ra / swiss-ree (swiss-reyya)

Russia / Russian

روسيا / روسي(ة)
roos-ya / roo-see (roo-seyya)

China / Chinese

الصين / صيني(ة)
*i**S**-**S**een / **S**eenee (**S**ee-neyya)*

India / Indian

الهند / هندي(ة)
il-hind / hindee (hin-deyya)

Korea / **Korean**

كوريا / كوري(ة)
ko-reeya / ko-ree (ko-reyya)

Japan / **Japanese**

اليابان / ياباني(ة)
il-yaa-baan / yaa-baa-nee (yaa-baa-neyya)

Mexico / **Mexico**

المكسيك / مكسيكي(ة)
il-mak-seek / mak-see-kee (mak-see-keyya)

Brazil / **Brazilian**

البرازيل / برازيلي(ة)
il-bara-zeel / bara-zee-lee (bara-zee-leyya)

Argentina / **Argentine**

الأرجنتين / أرجنتيني(ة)
il-arjen-teen / arjen-tee-nee (arjen-tee-neyya)

Settling In

Checking In

reception

الاستقبال
il-is-tiq-baal

check-in

تسجيل الدخول
tas-geel id-do-khool

check-out

تسجيل الخروج
tas-geel il-kho-roog

deposit

مقدم
mu-'ad-dam

key

مفتاح
muf-taaH

keycard

كارت مفتاح
kart muf-taaH

Do I need a reservation?

أنا محتاج (محتاجة) حجز؟

*ena mi**H**-taag (mi**H**-taaga) **H**agz?*

I'd like to check in.

عاوز (عاوزة) أسجل الدخول.
***A**a-wiz (**A**aw-za) a**S**-sag-gil id-do-khool.*

I have a reservation for two weeks.

عندي حجز لأسبوعين.
***A**andee **H**agz li-usboo-**A**ayn.*

Can I change my reservation?

ممكن أغير الحجز؟
*momkin aghay-yar il-**H**agz?*

Is there an elevator?

فيه أسانسير؟
feeh asan-seyr?

Can you help me with the bags?

ممكن تساعدني في الشنط؟
*momkin tisaa-**A**id-nee fish-shona**T**?*

Can I have an extra key?

ممكن مفتاح زيادة؟
*momkin muf-taa**H** ziyaa-da?*

This is a tip. Thanks.

دي إكرامية، شكرا.
dee ikra-meyya, shok-ran.

My room . . .

غرفتي . . .
ghur-fitee . . .

is small.

صغيرة.
***S**u-ghay-yara.*

needs cleaning.

محتاجة نظافة.
*mi**H**-taaga na-**D**aafa.*

is hot.

حر.
***H**arr.*

is cold.

برد.
bard.

is great.

هايلة.
hay-la.

has ants.

فيها نمل.
feehaa naml.

May I have new sheets?

ممكن ملايات جديدة؟
momkin mila-yaat gi-deeda?

I have a problem with. . . .

عندي مشكلة في . . .
***A**andee mush-kila fee . . .*

the light switch.

النور.
in-noor.

the Wi-Fi.

الواي فاي.
il-wi-fi.

the TV.

التليفزيون.

it-tili-fizyon.

the sink.

الحوض.
il-ʜoDe.

the shower.

الدش.
id-dush.

the refrigerator.

الثلاجة.
it-tal-laa-ga.

the air conditioning.

التكييف.
it-tak-yeef.

the heater.

الدفاية.
id-da-faaya.

the toilet.

التواليت.
it-twaa-let.

the bathtub.

البانيو.
il-ban-yo.

What is the phone number here?

نمرة التليفون هنا كام؟
nim-rit it-ti-lee-fon hina kaam?

Are there any messages for me?

فيه رسايل ليا؟
feeh ra-saa-yil liya?

I'm in room [10].

أنا في غرفة [10].
*ena fee ghur-fa [**A**ash-ra].*

I lost the key to my room.

مفتاح الغرفة ضاع مني.
*muf-taa**H** il-ghurfa **D**aa**A** min-nee.*

What time is breakfast?

الفطار الساعة كام؟
*il-fi**T**aar is-saa-**A**a kaam?*

Is there someone here all night?

فيه حد هنا طول الليل؟
*feeh **H**add hina **T**ool il-layl?*

Can I come back real late?

ممكن أرجع متأخر؟
*momkin ar-ga**A** mit-akh-khar?*

May I have a wake-up call?

ممكن مكالمة تصحيني؟
*momkin muk-al-ma ti**S**a**H**-**H**ee-nee?*

Let me in!

عاوز (عاوزة) أدخل!
***A**a-wiz (**A**aw-za) ad-khul!*

Relief!

toilet

التواليت
it-twaa-let

sink

الحوض
*il-**H**o**D**e*

toilet paper

ورق التواليت
wa-ra' it-twaa-let

Remember that the parts of a word that need to be emphasized are underlined in the pronunciation. See page 2 for more details.

Where's the . . .

فين . . .
fayn . . .

bathroom?

الحمام؟
*il-**H**am-maam?*

ladies' bathroom?

حمام السيدات؟
***H**am-maam is-say-yi-daat?*

men's bathroom?

حمام الرجال؟
***H**am-maam ir-rigaal?*

This isn't working.

ده مش شغال.
dah mish shagh-ghaal.

It won't flush.

السيفون مش شغال.
is-see-fon mish shagh-ghaal.

It needs cleaning.

محتاج نظافة.
*mi**H**taag na-**D**aafa.*

It's blocked.

ده مسدود.
dah mas-dood.

Orientation

north
شمال
shamaal

south
جنوب
janoob

east
شرق
sharq

west
غرب
gharb

city map
خريطة المدينة
kha-reeTit il-ma-deena

I'm lost.
أنا تهت.
ena tuht.

Can you tell me how to get to . . .
ممكن تدلوني على . . .
momkin ti-dil-loonee Aala . . .

Where is . . .
فين . . .
fayn . . .

the tourist office?
مكتب السياحة؟
mektab is-siy-yaaHa?

the nearest restaurant?
أقرب مطعم؟
a'-rab maT-Aam?

the post office?
مكتب البريد؟
mektab il-bareed?

the police station?
قسم البوليس؟

ism il-bolees?

the center of town?

وسط المدينة؟
wusT il-ma-deena?

Can you tell me how to get there?

ممكن تدلوني على السكة؟
momkin ti-dil-loonee Aalas sik-ka?

Which way do I go?

أمشي ازاي؟
am-shee iz-zaay?

Turn . . .

. . . خذ (خذي)
khud (khudee) . . .

left . . .

. . . شمال
shimaal . . .

right . . .

. . . يمين
yimeen . . .

at the next corner.

الناصية الجاية.
in-naS-ya ig-gayy-ya.

at the next street.

الشارع الجاي.
ish-shaa-riA ig-gayy.

Go straight ahead.

امشي دوغري.
imshee dogh-ree.

Go on here.

على طول هنا.
***A**ala **T**ool hina.*

Cross the street.

عدي الشارع.
***A**ad-dee ish-shaa-ri**A**.*

Am I going the right way?

أنا ماشي (ماشية) صح كده؟
*ena maa-shee (mash-ya) sa**HH** kida?*

You're going the wrong way.

أنت ماشي (ماشية) غلط.
*enta maa-shee (enti mash-ya) ghala**T**.*

Do you have a map?

معاك خريطة؟
*ma**A**-aak (ma**A**-aaki) kha-ree**T**a?*

Can you guide us to . . .

ممكن تدلونا على . . .
*momkin ti-dil-loona **A**ala . . .*

a place to eat?

مكان نأكل فيه؟
ma-kaan na'-kul feeh?

a place to sleep?

مكان ننام فيه؟
ma-kaan ni-naam feeh?

an Internet café?

انترنت كافيه؟

internet kafeh?

a restaurant that's always open?

مطعم فاتح على طول؟
maT-aam faa-tiH Aala Tool?

a bar?

بار؟
bar?

a dance club? / disco?

ديسكو؟
disco?

English words such as "disco" and "Internet" have entered spoken Arabic. You can pronounce these as you would in English and be perfectly understood.

Local Transportation

Where's the nearest bus stop?

فين أقرب محطة أوتوبيس؟
fayn a'-rab ma-HaT-Tit otobees?

Where can I catch the bus to the [museum]?

آخذ أوتوبيس للـ[متحف] منين؟
aa-khud otobees lil-[met-Haf] minayn?

Do you stop at [the tower]?

بتقف عند [البرج]؟
bi-tu'-af Aand [il-burg]?

Do you have a map of the bus routes?

عندكم خريطة لخطوط الأوتوبيس؟
Aand-ukum kha-reeTa li-khu-TooT il-otobees?

What's the fare?

التذكرة بكام؟
it-taz-kara bi-kaam?

Where's the nearest subway stop?

فين أقرب محطة مترو؟
*fayn a'-rab ma-**H**a**T-T**it metro?*

I need . . .

أنا عاوز (عاوزة) . . .
*ena **A**a-wiz (**A**aw-za) . . .*

a ticket.

تذكرة.
taz-kara.

a day pass.

كارنيه ليوم واحد.
*kar-neh li-yom waa**H**id.*

a weekly pass.

كارنيه لمدة أسبوع.
*kar-neh li-mod-dit us-boo**A**.*

subway map

خريطة للمترو
*kha-ree**T**a lil-metro*

transfer

تغيير الخط
*tagh-yeer il-kha**TT***

the [airport] line

خط [المطار]
*kha**TT** [il-ma-**T**aar]*

Where do I get off?

أنزل فين؟
an-zil fayn?

At the next stop.

المحطة الجاية.
*il-ma-**H**a**T-T**a ig-gay-ya.*

After two stops.

بعد محطتين.
*ba**A**d ma-**H**a**TT**i-tayn.*

Remember that an Arabic “h” (or its breathy equivalent “***H***”) is pronounced the same whether it is at the beginning, in the middle, or at the end of a word. See page 1 for more details.

Where can I catch a taxi?

آخذ تاكسي منين؟
aa-khud taksee minayn?

How much is a taxi to the [pyramids]?

بكام التاكسي للـ[أهرام]؟
bi-kaam it-taksee lil-[ahraam]?

What’s the fare?

الأجرة كام؟
il-ugra kaam?

Please turn the meter on.

شغل العداد من فضلك.
*shagh-ghal il-**A**ad-daad min fa**D**lak.*

No, that’s a little too much.

لا، كثير شوية.
laa, kiteer shu-way-ya.

Eating and Drinking

I'm hungry.

أنا جعان (جعانة).
*ena ga-**A**aan (ga-**A**aana).*

I'm thirsty.

أنا عطشان (عطشانة).
*ena **AT**-shaan (**AT**-shaana).*

I'm starving.

أنا حاموت من الجوع.
*ena **H**a-moot min ig-goo**A**.*

I need to eat.

لازم آكل.
laazim aa-kul.

I could eat a horse ["eat a whole cow"].

أنا ممكن آكل بقرة كاملة.
ena momkin aa-kul ba-'ara kam-la.

I want to drink something.

عاوز (عاوزة) أشرب حاجة.
***A**a-wiz (**A**aw-za) ash-rab **H**aa-ga.*

Oh! For a glass of [tea].

يا سلام على كباية [شاي].
*yaa salaam **A**ala ku-bay-yit [shaay].*

Meals

breakfast *ilfeṭar*

lunch *ilghada*

dinner *il'asha*

snack *sanabkera*

All-Day Dishes

salad *salaṭa*

soup *shoorba*

a plate of beans *ṭabaq fool*

a plate of falafel *ṭabaq falafil*

Utensils

fork *shoka*

knife *sikkeena*

spoon *ma'la'a*

plate *ṭabaq*

cup *finjaan*

glass *kubbaay-ya*

Going Out to Eat

Can you guide me to a . . .

ممكن تدلني على . . .
*momkin ti-dil-loonee **A**ala . . .*

restaurant?
مطعم؟
coffee shop?
قهوة؟
cafeteria?
كافيتريا؟

Is this restaurant . . .

المطعم ده . . .
*il-ma**T**-**A**am dah . . .*

expensive?
غالي؟
ghaa-lee?

near here?
قريب؟
uray-yib?

What do they cook?

بيطبخوا إيه؟
*bi-yu**T**-bukh-oo eh?*

Do they have vegetarian food?

فيه أكل نباتي؟
feeh akl na-baatee?

Can they take a big group?

ممكن ياخذ ناس كتير؟
momkin ya-khud naas kiteer?

Do we need a reservation?

محتاجين حجز؟
*mi**H**-taa-geen **H**agz?*

Is it open late?

فاتح متأخر؟
*faa-ti**H** mit-akh-khar?*

We're in a bit of a hurry.

إحنا مستعجلين شوية.
*i**H**na mis-ta**A**-gileen shu-way-ya.*

We'd like a table for [four].

عاوزين ترابيزة لـ(أربعة).
***A**aw-zeen tara-bey-za li [arba-**A**a].*

Will we wait a long time?

حنستنى كثير؟
***H**a-nis-tana kiteer?*

We have a reservation.

عندنا حجز.
***A**an-dina **H**agz.*

non-smoking section

قسم بدون تدخين
ism bidoon tad-kheen

My friends will be here . . .

أصحابي حيوصلوا . . .
*a**S**-**H**aabee **H**a-yo-saloo . . .*

soon.

بعد شوية.
*ba**A**d shu-way-ya.*

in [ten] minutes.

بعد [عشر] دقايق.
*ba**A**d **A**ashar da-'aa-yi'.*

later.

بعدين شوية.
*ba**A**-dayn shu-way-ya.*

Where's the restroom?

الحمام فين؟
*il-**H**am-maam fayn?*

May I see a menu, please?

ممكن نشوف المنيو من فضلك؟
*momkin ni-shoof il-men-yoo min fa**D**lak (fa**D**lik)?*

What do you recommend for us today?

تنصحنا بإيه النهاردة؟
*tin-sa**H**-na bi-eh in-nahaar-da?*

Do you have any specials today?

فيه إيه مخصوص النهاردة؟
*feeh eh makh-**S**oo**S** in-nahaar-da?*

Do you have a kids' menu?

فيه منيو للأطفال؟
*feeh men-yoo lil-a**T**-faal?*

I'm a vegetarian.

أنا نباتي (نباتية).
ena na-baatee (na-baa-teyya).

I'll have . . .

أنا حآخذ . . .
*ena **H**a-aakhud . . .*

He'll have . . .

هو حيأخذ . . .
*huw-wa **H**a-yakhud . . .*

She'll have . . .

هي حتأخذ . . .
*hey-ya **H**a-takhud . . .*

I'll have what he / she's having.

أنا حآخذ نفس الطلب.
*ena **H**a-aakhud nafs i**T**-**T**alab.*

We'll eat this one together.

حنأكل ده سوا.
Ha-naakul dah sawa.

Without [onions], please.

من غير[بصل] من فضلك.
min ghayr [baSal] min faDlak (faDlik).

[The sauce] on the side.

[الصلصة] على جنب.
[iS-Salsa] Aala ganb.

I'd like it . . .

أنا عاوزها (عاوزاها) . . .
ena Aa-wiz-haa (Aaw-zaa-haa) . . .

rare. سوا خفيف.
sawa khafeef.

medium. سوا وسط.
sawa wasT.

well done. سوا زيادة.
sawa ziyada.

Everything's good?

كله تمام؟
koll-o ta-maam?

Yes, everything's good, thanks.

أيوه، كله تمام، شكرا.
ay-wah, koll-o ta-maam, shok-ran.

The food is . . .

الأكل . . .
il-akl . . .

delicious. لذيذ.
laziiz.

bitter. مر.
mur.

too salty.
مالح قوي.
maaliH ‘aw-wee.

warm
دافي.
daafe.

cold
بارد.
baarid.

too spicy.
حراق.
Haraa’.

a little raw
نيء شوية.
nee’ shu-way-ya.

undercooked.
ناقص سوا.
naa’iS saw-aa.

very tasty.
طعمه تقيل.
Ta-‘mu-hu tay-yil.

a lot.
كتير شوية.
kteer shu-way-ya.

May I have a napkin?

ممكن فوطة ورق؟
*momkin foo-**T**a wara’?*

May I have another one of these?

ممكن كمان واحد؟
*momkin ka-maan waa**H**id?*

May I have a clean one of these?

ممكن واحدة نظيفة؟
*momkin wa**H**da ni-**D**eefa?*

I’m full.

أنا شبعت.
*ena shi-bi**A**t.*

I can’t eat anything else.

مش ممكن آكل حاجة تانية.
*mish momkin aakul **H**aaga tan-ya.*

I’m still hungry.

أنا لسه جعان (جعانة).
*ena lis-sa ga-**A**aan (ga-**A**aana).*

Can I take the rest to go?

ممكن آخذ الباقي معايا؟
*momkin aakhud il-baa-’ee ma-**A**aa-ya?*

The check, please.

الحساب من فضلك.
il-Hi-saab, min faDlak (faDlik).

Is service included?

ده شامل الخدمة؟
dah shaa-mil il-khid-ma?

I have a question about this check.

عندي سؤال في الفاتورة.
Aandee so-'aal fil faa-toora.

Do you take cards?

بتأخذوا كروت؟
bi-takh-doo kuroot?

May I have a receipt, please?

ممكن وصل من فضلك؟
momkin waSl min faDlak (faDlik)?

Preparation

raw
نيء
nay'

fresh
طازة
Taaza

baked / roasted
في الفرن
fil fúrn

fried
مقلي
ma'lee

grilled
مشوي
mashwee

broiled
مشوي
mashwee

pan-fried
بالطاية
bi-Taaya

stuffed
محشي
maHshee

in a clay pot
طاجن
Taajin

over charcoal
على الفحم
'ala l-faHm

in tahini sauce
بالطحينة
bi-TaHeena

spicy
الحاحا حم
Haaraa-Tim

Foods

لحمة	*lahma*	**meat**
بقري	*ba-'aree*	**beef**
بتلو	*bi-tilo*	**veal**
لحم ضاني	*laham daanee*	**lamb**
فراخ	*fi-raakh*	**chicken**
ديك رومي	*deek roomee*	**turkey**
حمام	*ha-maam*	**pigeon**
أرانب	*araa-nib*	**rabbit**
بط	*baT*	**duck**

سمك	*samak*	**fish**
جمبري	*gambaree*	**shrimp**
كابوريا	*ka-boreya*	**crab**
سبيط	*sob-bayT*	**squid**
استاكوزا	*ista-kozza*	**lobster**

فواكه	*fa-waa-kih*	**fruits**
تفاح	*tof-faah*	**apples**
برتقان	*bor-tu'aan*	**oranges**
موز	*mauz*	**bananas**
فراولة	*fa-rawla*	**straw-berries**
عنب	*A-nab*	**grapes**
تين	*teen*	**figs**

خضار	*khu-dar*	**vegetables**
بطاطس	*ba-ta-tis*	**potatoes**
طماطم	*Ta-ma-tim*	**tomatoes**
باذنجان	*baa-in-jaan*	**eggplant**
كوسة	*ko-sa*	**zucchini**
بامية	*bam-ya*	**okra**
خيار	*khi-yaar*	**cucumber**
فلفل	*fil-fil*	**pepper**
جزر	*gaz-ar*	**carrots**
بصل	*bas-al*	**onion**
ثوم	*tawm*	**garlic**
بسلة	*bi-sil-la*	**peas**
ذرة	*dura*	**corn**
رز	*ruzz*	**rice**

مشروبات	*mash-roo-baat*	**drinks**
مية معدنية	*my-ya ma'-da-ni-yya*	**mineral water**
عصير	*Aa-seer*	**juice**
كازوزة	*ka-zoo-za*	**soda / pop**
حليب	*Ha-leeb*	**milk**
شاي	*shaay*	**tea**
قهوة	*ah-wa*	**coffee**
نبيذ	*ni-beet*	**wine**
بيرة	*beera*	**beer**

بهارات	*bu-haa-raat*	**spices**
سكر	*suk-kar*	**sugar**

mal-h **salt**
ملح
fil-fil **pepper**
فلفل

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desserts
حلويات *ya-yaat*
kay-k **cake**
كيكة
bas-kaw-eet **cookie**
بسكويت
gibn **cheese**
جبنة

I don't eat . . .
أنا ماباكلش . . .
ena ma-ba-kul-shi . . .

meat.
لحمة.
la-ah-ma.
fish.
سمك.
sa-mak.
eggs.
بيض.
dairy
منتجات ألبان
mun-ta-gaat al-baan
products.

The hard "g," as in *mun-ta-gaat* (products) and *gibna* (cheese), is a feature of Egyptian pronunciation. The sound is pronounced as a soft "j" in other Arab regions (*mun-ta-jaat*, *jibna*). Both pronunciations are acceptable and universally understood.

I'm allergic . . .
عندي حساسية . . .
Aan-dee Has-sa-seyya . . .

to nuts.
للمكسرات.
lil-mi-kas-sa-raat.

to chocolate.

للشوكولاتة.
lish-sho-ko-la-ta.

to dairy products.

لمنتجات الألبان.
lil-mun-ta-gaat il-al-baan.

Dressing Up

Clothes

What will you be wearing?

حتلبس (حتلبسي) إيه؟
Ha-til-bis (Ha-til-bisee) eh?

I'll be wearing . . .

. . . حألبس
Hal-bis ...

a T-shirt.

.تي شرت
tee-shirt.

a [blue] shirt.

.قميص [أزرق]
ameeS [az-ra'].

a short-sleeve shirt.

.قميص بنص كم
ameeS bi-nuSSi komm.

a long-sleeve shirt.

.قميص بكم طويل
ameeS bi-komm Taweel.

a sweatshirt.

سويت شيرت.
swet shirt.

a sweater.

بلوفر.
bu-lo-fir.

shorts.

شورت.
short.

pants.

بنطلون.
*ban-**T**a-lon.*

jeans.

جينز.
jeenz.

a belt.

حزام.
***H**i-zaam.*

a skirt.

جونلة.
gu-nel-la.

a dress.

فستان.
fus-taan.

a “galabeyya” robe.

جلابية.
gal-la-beyya.

an “abaya” cloak.

عباية.
***A**a-beyya.*

a coat.

بالطو.
bal-ʇo.

a jacket.

جاكيتة.
ja-ket-ta.

a bra.

سوتيان.
sut-yaan.

a swimsuit.

مايوه.
ma-yoh.

a bikini.

بيكيني.
be-kee-nee.

a hat.

برنيطة.
bur-nayʇ-ʇa.

a vest.

فانلة.
fa-nil-la.

tights.

شراب حريمي.
sho-raab ʜa-reem-ee.

shoes.

جزمة.
gazma.

sneakers.

جزمة كاوتش.
gazma ka-witsh.

sandals.

صندل.

Ssan-dal.

boots.

بوت.
boot.

flats.

جزمة من غير كعب.
gazma min ghayr kaAb.

high heels.

جزمة بكعب عالي.
gazma bi-kaAb Aaa-lee.

It may seem confusing to have two or three “a”s together in the pronunciation. Remember that a capital “*A*” represents the Arabic gutteral sound (see page 6). A double “aa” represents a long vowel sound, as in the English words “hair” or “hard” (as opposed to a short vowel sound as in “had”). Sometimes these elements combine together, such as in the word *Aaa-lee* (high).

Cleaning Up

I want to . . .

أنا عاوز (عاوزة) . . .
ena Aa-wiz (Aaw-za) . . .

take a shower.

آخذ دش.
aa-khud dush.

take a bath.

استحمى.
asta-Ham-ma.

towel
فوطة
fo-ta

soap
صابون
saa-boon

shampoo
شامبو
shaam-boo

conditioner
كنديشنر
kan-dee-shnar

moisturizing cream
كريم مرطب
kreem mu-rat-tib

mirror
مرآية
mir-aa-ya

The water is . . .

. . . المية
il-my-ya . . .

freezing.
ساقعة قوي.
saa-Ae-a kwe-ya.

very hot.
سخنة جدا.
sa-kha-na jid-dan.

just right.
عالم قدها.
aa-lim ad-da.

broken.
بوظة بني.
boo-Da bon-nee.

I want to . . .

أنا عاوز (عاوزة) . . .
*ena **A**a-wiz (**A**aw-za) . . .*

brush my teeth.

أغسل سناني.
agh-sil si-naanee.

clean my teeth.

أنظف سناني.
*a-na**D**-**D**af si-naanee.*

do my hair.

أعمل شعري.
***A**a-mil sha**A**-ree.*

brush my hair.

أسرح شعري.
*a-sar-ra**H** sha**A**-ree.*

dry my hair.

أنشف شعري.
*a-nash-shif sha**A**-ree.*

put on makeup.

أحط المكياج.
*a-**H**u**TT** il-mik-yaaj.*

clean my ears.

أنظف ودايّ.
*a-na**D**-**D**af wi-daanee.*

Has anyone seen . . .

حد شاف . . .
***H**add shaaf . . .*

my toothbrush?

فرشة سناني؟
for-shet si-naanee?

the hair dryer?

السشوار؟
is-sish-waar?

Getting Ready

I don't have anything to wear.

ما عنديش حاجة ألبسها.
*maa **A**an-deesh **H**aaga al-bis-haa.*

I'm ready!

أنا جاهز (جاهزة)!

ena gaa-hiz (gah-za)!

Wait a bit.

استنوا شوية.
is-tan-noo shu-way-ya.

[Five] more minutes.

[خمسة] كمان.
[khamsa] ka-maan.

I'll meet you . . .

حاقابلكم . . .
***H**a-'aabil-kom . . .*

outside.

برة.
bar-ra.

in the lobby.

في اللوبي.
fil-lob-bee.

in the café.

في القهوة.
fil-ah-wa.

at the restaurant.

في المطعم.
*fil-ma**T-A**am.*

You look wonderful!

إيه الجمال ده!
eh ig-ga-maal dah!

I look terrible!

شكلي عفش!
*shak-lee **A**i-fish!*

Is this outfit suitable?

ينفع اللبس ده؟
*yin-fa**A** il-libs dah?*

Do you have . . .

معاك . . .
*ma**A**-aak (ma**A**-aaki) . . .*

money?

فلوس؟
fi-loos?

your passport?

الباسبور؟
il-bas-bor?

I can't find . . .

أنا مش لاقي (لاقية) . . .
ena mish laa-'ee (la'-ya) . . .

my wallet.

المحفظة.
*il-ma**H**-fa**Z**a.*

my purse.

كيس فلوسي.
kees fi-loos-ee.

my keys.

المفاتيح.
*il-ma-faa-tee**H**.*

Do you have [a bag] with you?

معاك [شنطة]؟
*ma**A**-aak (ma**A**-aaki) [shan-**T**a]?*

Going Out

Making Plans

Are you doing anything tonight?

حتعملوا إيه الليلة؟
ʜa-tiA-miloo eh il-lay-la?

Do you want to do something?

نفسك تعمل (نفسك تعملي) حاجة؟
nifs-ak tiA-mil (nifs-ik tiA-milee) ʜaa-ga?

Yes, I'd love to.

أيوه، يا ريت.
aywah, yaa rayt.

Yes, maybe.

أيوه، ممكن.
aywah, momkin.

Why not?

ليه لأ؟
leh la'?

I don't know yet.

لسه ماعرفش.
lis-sa maA-rafsh.

No, sorry, I can't.

لا، آسف (آسفة)، ماقدرش.
la, aasif (asfa), ma'-darsh.

No, I'm a little tired.

لأ، أنا تعبان (تعبانة) شوية.
*la', ena ta**A**-baan (ta**A**-baana) shu-way-ya.*

I'm staying in today.

أنا مش حاخرج النهاردة.
*ena, mish **H**akh-rug in-nahaar-da.*

Call me if it seems good.

كلمني لو النظام حلو.
*kal-lim-nee lau in-ni-**Z**aam **H**il-wu.*

What do you feel like doing?

نفسك تعمل (نفسك تعملي) إيه؟
*nifs-ak ti**A**-mil (nifs-ik ti**A**-milee) eh?*

Did you eat yet?

كلتوا حاجة ولا لسه؟
*kal-too **H**aa-ga wal-la lis-sa?*

Have you talked to [Mahmoud]?

كلمتوا [محمود]؟
*kal-lim-too [ma**H**-mood]?*

I'm in the mood for . . .

أنا نفسي . . .
ena nif-see . . .

We could . . .

إحنا ممكن . . .
*i**H**-na momkin . . .*

go to a movie.

نروح السينما.
*ni-roo**H** is-si-nima.*

go to the theater.

نروح المسرح.
*ni-roo**H** il-mas-ra**H**.*

have dinner somewhere.

نتعشي برة.
*nit-**A**ash-sha bar-ra.*

buy a bottle of something.

نشتري إزازة حاجة.
*nish-tiree izaa-zit **H**aa-ga.*

hang out in my room.

نقعد في أوضتي.
*ni'-**A**ud fee o**D**-tee.*

Where should we go?

نروح فين؟
*ni-roo**H** fayn?*

This place is great.

المكان ده هايل.
il-ma-kaan dah hay-yil.

This place is terrible.

المكان ده مزعج.
*il-ma-kaan dah muz-**A**ig.*

I've never been there.

أنا عمري ما رحت هناك.
*ena **A**um-ree maa ru**H**t hinaak.*

I heard it gets a good crowd.

أنا سمعت إن فيه ناس كويسين.
*ena se-mi-**A**t in fee naas kway-yi-seen.*

Is it near here?

قريب من هنا؟
u-ray-yib min hina?

Is it far from here?

بعيد من هنا؟
*bi-**A**eed min hina?*

What time does it open?

بيفتح الساعة كام؟
*b-yif-ta**H** is-sa**A**-a kaam?*

What time does it close?

بيقفل الساعة كام؟
*b-yi'-fil is-sa**A**-a kaam?*

What time shall we meet?

نتقابل الساعة كام؟
*nit-'aab-il is-sa**A**-a kaam?*

How long do you need to get ready?

حتجهز (حتجهزي) بعد قد إيه؟
***H**a-tig-haz (**H**a-tig-hazee) ba**A**d ad-du eh?*

I'm free from . . . o'clock.

أنا فاضي (فاضية) من الساعة . . .
*ena faa-**D**ee (fa**D**-ya) min is-sa**A**-a . . .*

OK. I'll call you at . . . o'clock.

ماشي، حاكلمك الساعة . . .
*maa-shee, **H**a-kal-lim-ak (**H**a-kal-lim-ik) is-sa**A**-a . . .*

What are you going to wear?

حتلبس (حتلبسي) إيه؟
***H**a-til-bis (**H**a-til-bisee) eh?*

What should I wear?

ألبس إيه؟
al-bis eh?

Do I have to dress formally?

لازم ألبس رسمي؟
laa-zim al-bis ras-mee?

Do we need a reservation?

لازم نحجز؟
*laa-zim ni**H**-giz?*

Is there dancing?

فيه رقص؟
*fee ra'**S**?*

Will they ask for our passports?

حيطلبوا منا الباسبور؟
***H**a-yu**T**-luboo min-na il-bas-bor?*

What time does the [party] start?

[الحفلة] حتبتدي امتى؟
*[il-**H**af-la] **H**a-tib-tidee imta?*

Will you be out late?

حتتأخروا برة؟
***H**a-tit-akh-kharoo bar-ra?*

I have things to do in the morning.

عندي مصالح الصبح.
***A**an-dee ma-**S**aa-li**H** i**S**-**S**ob**H**.*

Let's not be late.

بلاش نتأخر.
ba-laash nit-akh-khar.

Let's celebrate!

ياللا نحتفل!
*yal-la ni**H**-ti-fil!*

Where shall we meet?

نتقابل فين؟
nit-'aab-il fayn?

Let's meet at . . .

يالا نتقابل عند . . .
*yal-la nit-'aab-il **A**and . . .*

What street is it on?

في شارع إيه؟
*fee shaa-ri**A** eh?*

I'll meet you there.

حاقابلكم هناك.
***H**a-'aa-bil-kum hinaak.*

If you get lost, call me.

لو تهت، كلمني.
lau tuht, kal-lim-nee.

Where are you all?

أنتوا فين؟
entoo fayn?

I'm running late.

أنا حاجي متأخر.
*ene **H**a-gee mit-akh-khar.*

I'll be there in [ten] minutes.

حاكون معاكم بعد عشر دقايق.
***H**a-koon ma-**A**aa-kum ba**A**d **A**ashar da-'aa-yi'.*

At the Bar

This place is great!

المكان ده هايل!
il-ma-kaan dah hay-yil!

Let's stay a little longer.

خللينا قاعدين شوية كمان.
*khal-lee-na aa**A**-deen shu-way-ya ka-maan.*

Can you see an empty table?

شايف (شايفة) ترابيزة فاضية؟
*shay-yif (shay-fa) tara-bey-za fa**D**-ya?*

I'll wait for you by the bar.

حستناك عند البار.
***H**as-ta-naak (**H**as-ta-naaki) **A**and il-bar.*

This place sucks.

المكان ده زبالة.
il-ma-kaan dah zi-baa-la.

Let's go somewhere else.

يالا نروح حتة تانية.
*yal-la ni-roo**H** **H**it-ta tan-ya.*

Let's go back to the first place.

يالا نرجع المكان الأولاني.
*yal-la nir-ga**A** il-ma-kaan il-awwa-laanee.*

Let's go home.

يالا نروح.
*yal-la ni-ra-wwa**H**.*

I'm tired.

أنا تعبان (تعبانة).
*ena ta**A**-baan (ta**A**-baana).*

I'm not tired yet.

أنا لسه ما تعبتش.
*ena lis-sa ma t**A**ib-tish.*

I'm just getting started.

أنا لسه باسخن.
ena lis-sa ba-sakh-khan.

I'm broke.

أنا فلست.
ena fal-list.

This place is very expensive.

المكان ده غالي قوي.
il-ma-kaan dah ghaa-lee a-wee.

Can you loan me some money?

ممكن تسلفني؟
momkin tisal-lif-nee?

Is there an ATM around here?

فيه مكنة صرف هنا؟
*feeh me-ka-nit **S**arf hina?*

Do you have a light?

معاك كبريت؟
*ma**A**-aak (ma**A**-aaki) kab-reet?*

Do you have a cigarette?

معاك سيجارة؟
*ma**A**-aak (ma**A**-aaki) see-gaa-ra?*

Would you like a drink?

تشرب (تشربي) حاجة؟
*tish-rab (tish-rabee) **H**aa-ga?*

What would you like to drink?

تشرب (تشربي) إيه؟
tish-rab (tish-rabee) eh?

Making Friends

Meeting People

Do you come here often?

بتيجي هنا كتير؟
bi-tee-gee hina kiteer?

Your face seems familiar.

الوش ده مش غريب عليا.
*il-wish dah mish gha-reeb **A**a-lay-ya.*

Are all [Egyptians] so good looking?

كل [المصريين] حلوين كده؟
*koll [il-mu**S**-rey-yeen] **H**il-ween kid-da?*

Are you a model in fashion magazines?

أنت موديل في مجلات الموضة؟
*enti mo-del fee ma-gal-laat il-mo-**D**a?*

I have lots to say to you.

عندي كلام كتير.
***A**an-dee ka-laam kiteer.*

My heart is pounding hard.

قلبي بيدق جامد.
elb-ee biy-du' gaa-mid.

I'd like to get to know you better.

نفسي أتعرف عليك (عليكي) أكتر.

*nif-see at-**A**ar-raf **A**a-lay-k (**A**a-lay-ki) ak-tar.*

Are you at uni or working?

أنت في الجامعة ولا بتشتغل (بتشتغلي)؟
*enta (enti) fig-gam-**A**a wal-la bi-tish-taghal (bi-tish-tagha-lee)?*

Who do you like listening to?

بتحب تسمع (بتحبي تسمعي) مين؟
*bit-**H**ibb tis-ma**A** (bit-**H**ib-bee tis-ma**A**-ee) meen?*

Where do you live?

ساكن (ساكنة) فين؟
saa-kin (sak-na) fayn?

Cool!
Ta-shee!
تمام!

Wow!
Ya salaam!
يا سلام!

Incredible!
Mish ma-ool!
مش معقول!

No way!
La! Mish mom-kin!
لا! مش ممكن!

Me too!
Wa-na kamaan!
وانا كمان!

You're . . .

أنت . . .
enti . . .

very beautiful.
جميلة جدًا
ja-mee-la jid-dan

very elegant.
شيك أوي
shee-k aw-wee

stunning.
تجنن
tig-nin!

You are the most beautiful girl I've ever seen.

أنت أجمل بنت شفتها في حياتي.
*enti ag-mal bint shuf-ta-haa fee **H**a-yaat-ee.*

I like you.

أنا معجب.
*ena mo**A**-gab.*

Of course you have many admirers.

طبعا عندك معجبين كتير.
*T**a**b-**A**an **A**an-dak (**A**an-dik) mo**A**-ga-been kiteer.*

Is this hair or silk?

شعر ده ولا حرير؟
*sha**A**r dah wal-la **H**a-reer?*

Are these teeth or pearls?

سنان دي ولا لولي؟
si-naan dee wal-la loo-lee?

Are these lips or cherries?

شفايف دي ولا كريز؟
sha-faa-yif dee wal-la krayz?

I'd like to meet you.

أحب أتعرف عليك.
*a-**H**ibb at-**A**a-raf **A**a-lay-k (**A**a-lay-ki).*

Is there someone in your life right now?

فيه حد في حياتك دلوقتي؟
*feeh **H**add fee **H**a-yaat-ak (**H**a-yaat-ik) dil-wa'-tee?*

No, not right now.

حاليا، لأ.
***H**aa-li-yan la'.*

Treat these friendly phrases with caution. Make sure you always say them in a light-hearted tone, and only when you are sure that the object(s) of your attention would welcome some further conversation.

Playing It Safe

I'm here with my [family].

أنا هنا مع [عيلتي].
*ena hina ma**A**a [**A**il-tee].*

I'm sorry, this doesn't interest me.

آسفة، مش موضوعي.
*as-fa, mish mau-**D**oo-**A**ee.*

Frankly, I don't like this type.

بصراحة، النوع ده ما يعجبنيش.
*bi-**S**a-raa-**H**a, in-no**A** dah ma yi**A**-gib-neesh.*

Please leave me alone.

لو سمحت سيبني في حالي.
*lau sa-ma**H**t sib-nee fee **H**aal-ee.*

Get away from me!

ابعد عني!
*ib-**A**id **A**an-nee!*

Where are the security guys?

فين بتوع الأمن؟
*fayn bi-too**A** il-amn?*

Sorry, I'm not that kind of guy.

آسف، أنا مش بتاع كده.
*aa-sif, ena mish bi-taa**A** kid-da.*

What a shame! I would have liked to . . .

يا خسارة! كان نفسي . . .
yaa kho-saa-ra! kaan nif-see . . .

be with you.

أكون معاك.
*akoon ma**A**-aak (ma**A**-aaki).*

invite you to our villa.

أعزمك عندنا في الفيللا.

Aa-zimak (Aa-zimik) Aan-dina fil vil-la.

invite you over to my room.

أعزمك عندي في الأوضة.

Aa-zimak (Aa-zimik) Aan-dee fil o-Da.

enjoy my time with you tonight.

أتمتع بوقتي معاك الليلة دي.

at-mat-aA bi-wa'-tee maA-aak (maA-aaki) il-lay-la dee.

Getting Better Acquainted

May I stay over?

ممكن أبات هنا؟

momkin abaat hina?

I want you to stay over.

أنا عاوزك تبات هنا.

ena Aaw-zak ti-baat hina.

We can spend the night here.

ممكن نبات هنا.

momkin ni-baat hina.

We'll see the sunrise together.

حنشوف الشروق سوا.

Han-shoof ish-sho-roo' sawa.

No, it's better if you go home.

لأ، أحسن لو تروح.

la'. aH-san lau ti-rauw-waH.

No, not really. I'd better go.

لأ، مش قوي. أمشي أحسن.

la'. mish a-wee. am-shee aH-san.

That’s enough. Goodbye.

كفاية كدة. مع السلامة.
*ki-faa-ya kid-da. ma-**A**as sa-laa-ma.*

I’ve had a great time with you.

أنا قضيت وقت جميل معاكم.
*ena a-**D**ayt wa’t gameel ma**A**-kum.*

Take my number.

خذوا نمرتي.
kho-doo nim-ritee.

I’ve got [three] more days here.

أنا فاضل لي [تلات] أيام هنا.
*ena faa-**D**il lee [talat] ay-yaam hina.*

Can we meet tomorrow?

ممكن نتقابل بكرة؟
momkin nit-’aa-bil buk-ra?

Can I see you again?

ممكن أشوفك تاني؟
momkin ashoof-ak (ashoof-ik) taa-nee?

When will I see you again?

أشوفك تاني امتى؟
ashoof-ak (ashoof-ik) taa-nee im-ta?

Where shall we meet?

نتقابل فين؟
nit-’aab-il fayn?

This boy is my fiancé.

الولد ده خطيبي.
*il-wa-lad dah kha-**T**ee-bee.*

This girl is my fiancée.

البنت دي خطيبتي.
*il-bint dee kha-**T**ib-tee.*

This is a friend, nothing more.

ده صديق، مش أكتر.
dah sa-deeq, mish ak-tar.

We can be friends, nothing more.

إحنا ممكن نكون أصدقاء، مش أكتر.
*i**H**-na momkin ni-koon asdi-qaa', mish ak-tar.*

I've loved you from the first moment!

أنا حبيتك من أول نظرة!
*ena **H**a-bay-tak (**H**a-bay-tik) min ow-wil na**Z**-ra!*

Write to me!

اكتبلي (اكتبيلي)!
ik-tib-lee (ik-ti-bee-lee)!

I promise to write you every day!

أوعدك إني حاكتبلك كل يوم!
*ow-**A**id-ak (ow-**A**id-ik) in-nee **H**ak-tib-lak (**H**ak-tib-lik) kollu yom!*

Come visit me there.

تعالوا زوروني هناك.
*ti-**A**aal-oo zoor-oo-nee hinaak.*

What's your mobile number?

نمرتك إيه؟
nim-ritak (nim-ritik) eh?

Give me your email.

اديني الايمايل بتاعك.
*id-dee-nee il-email bi-taa-**A**ak (bi-taa-**A**ik).*

Can you share the photos?

ممكن تشيّر (تشيّري) الصور؟
*momkin ti-shay-yar (ti-shay-ya-ree) i**S**-**S**o-war?*

Can you add me as a friend?

ممكن تضيفني كصديق؟
*momkin ti-**D**if-nee ka-**S**a-deeq?*

I will never forget you.

أنا عمري ماحنساك.
*ena **A**um-ree ma-**H**an-saak (ma-**H**an-saa-kee).*

You've opened my eyes to a lot of things.

أنت فتحت عيني على حاجات كتير.
*enta fa-ta**H**t (enti fa-ta**H**-ti) **A**ay-nee **A**a-la **H**a-gaat kiteer.*

What a waste of time!

فرصة زي قلتها!
*for-**S**a zayy il-lit-haa!*

Seeing the Sights

Sights

I'd like to see . . .

عاوز (عاوزة) أشوف . . .
Aa-wiz (Aaw-za) ashoof . . .

the museum.

المتحف.
il-mat-Haf.

the gallery.

المعرض.
il-maA-raD.

the palace.

القصر.
il-aSr.

the citadel.

القلعة.
il-al-Aa.

the mosque.

المسجد.
il-mas-gid.

the church.

الكنيسة.

il-ka-nee-sa.

the park / gardens.

الجنينة.
ig-gi-nay-na.

the tower.

البرج.
il-burg.

the temple.

المعبد.
*il-ma**A**-bad.*

the amphitheater.

المسرح الروماني.
*il-mas-ra**H** ir-ro-maan-ee.*

the lake.

البحيرة.
*il-bo-**H**ey-ra.*

the ruins.

الأطلال.
*il-a**T**-laal.*

the cemetery.

المقابر.
il-ma-qaa-bir.

the statues.

التماثيل.
it-ta-maa-seel.

the downtown area.

وسط البلد.
wust il-ba-lad.

the Islamic quarter.

الحي الاسلامي.
*il-**H**ayy il-is-laam-ee.*

the spice market.

سوق العطارين.
*soo' il-**A**a**T**-**T**aa-reen.*

the goldsmiths' district.

حي الصاغة.
***H**ayy i**S**-**S**aa-gha.*

Do you have any . . .

عندكم أي . . .
***A**andu-kum ayy . . .*

catalogs?
كتالوجات؟
katalogaat?

maps?
خرايط؟
*khara**y**-i**T**?*

suggestions?
اقتراحات؟
*igtiraa**H**aat?*

We want to take a . . .

عاوزين ناخد . . .
***A**aw-zeen na-khud . . .*

walking tour.

جولة على رجلينا.
*gaw-la **A**a-la rig-lay-na.*

guided tour.

جولة مع دليل.
*gaw-la ma-**A**a da-leel.*

bus tour.

جولة بالأوتوبيس.
gaw-la bil-otobees.

camel-back tour.

جولة على الجمال.
*gaw-la **A**a-lal gi-maal.*

Nile "feluka" boat tour.

جولة بالفلوكة.
gaw-la bil-fi-loo-ka.

We want a translator / tourist guide.

عاوزين مترجم / مرشد سياحي.
Aaw-zeen mo-tar-gim / mor-shid siya-Heyy.

Tell us about the history of the place.

قول لنا عن تاريخ المكان.
ul-li-na Aan ta-reekh il-ma-kaan.

Can we climb the pyramid?

ممكن نطلع فوق الهرم؟
momkin niT-laa fo' il-ha-ram?

Can we go inside the . . .

ممكن ندخل جوه . . .
momkin nud-khul go-wa . . .

pyramid?

الهرم؟
il-ha-ram?

tomb?

المقبرة؟
il-maq-ba-ra?

Is this place safe?

المكان هنا أمان؟
il-ma-kaan hina amaan?

Calling Ahead

Where does the tour start?

الجولة بتبتدي منين؟
ig-gaw-la bi-tib-tidee min-ayn?

When does the tour start?

الجولة بتبتدي امتى؟
ig-gaw-la bi-tib-tidee im-ta?

How long is the tour?

الجولة مدتها كام ساعة؟
*ig-gaw-la mod-dit-haa kaam saa-**A**a?*

What will we see on the tour?

حنشوف إيه في الجولة دي؟
***H**an-shoof eh fig-gaw-la dee?*

Do we have to reserve a spot?

لازم نحجز مكان؟
*laa-zim ni**H**-giz ma-kaan?*

What time do you open?

بتفتحوا الساعة كام؟
*bi-tif-ta-**H**oo is-saa-**A**a kaam?*

When do you close?

بتقفلوا امتى؟
bi-ti'-fil-oo im-ta?

How much is admission?

تذكرة الدخول بكام؟
taz-kar-it id-do-khool bi-kaam?

Is there a student discount?

فيه تخفيض للطلبة؟
*feeh takh-fee**D** li**T**-**T**a-la-ba?*

Is there a group discount?

فيه تخفيض للمجموعات؟
*feeh takh-fee**D** lil-mag-moo-**A**aat?*

Cultural Stuff

Let's go to . . .

يالا نروح . . .
*yal-la ni-roo**H** . . .*

the theater.

المسرح.
*il-mas-ra**H**.*

the movies.

السينما.
is-si-nima.

the show.

الاستعراض.
*il-is-ti**A**-raa**D**.*

the circus.

السيرك.
is-sirk.

a soccer game.

ماتش كورة.
maatsh ko-ra.

Where's the movie playing?

الفيلم شغال فين؟
il-film shagh-ghaal fayn?

What time does the play start?

المسرحية بتبتدي امتى؟
*il-mas-ra-**H**eyya bi-tib-tidee im-ta?*

How much is the entrance?

بكام التذكرة؟
bi-kaam it-taz-kara?

Are there any tickets for today?

فيه تذاكر للنهاردة؟
feeh ta-zaa-kir lin-na-har-da?

Are there any tickets for tonight?

فيه تذاكر لليلة دي؟
feeh ta-zaa-kir lil-lay-la dee?

Going Broke

Money

We want to . . .

عاوزين . . .
Aaw-zeen . . .

buy some stuff.

نشتري حاجات.
nish-tiree Ha-gaat.

change money.

نغيير فلوس.
nigh-ay-yar fi-loos.

What's the exchange rate?

سعر الصرف كام؟
siAr iS-Sarf kaam?

Where can we find . . .

فين نلاقي . . .
fayn ni-laa'-ee . . .

a bank?

بنك؟
bank?

an ATM?

مكنة صرف؟
*mek-an-it **s**arf?*

some stores?

محلات؟
*ma-**h**al-laat?*

a market?

سوق؟
soo'?

a mall?

مول تجاري؟
mall tu-gaa-ree?

a grocery store?

بقال؟
ba'-'aal?

a supermarket?

سوبرماركت؟
supermarket?

a drugstore / pharmacy?

أجزاخانة؟
akh-za-khaa-na?

a bookstore?

مكتبة؟
mek-ta-ba?

a bazaar?

بازار؟
ba-zaar?

a gym?

جيمنازيوم؟
gim-naaz-yom?

Just as English words such as “mall” and “supermarket” have entered spoken Arabic, so some words of Arabic origin have come the other way. These include the word “souk” to describe a traditional market, and “bazaar” to describe somewhere selling trinkets and souvenirs.

At the Store

Do you have . . . ?

عندكم . . . ؟
Aandu-kum . . . ?

We want to buy . . .

عاوزين نشتري . . .
Aaw-zeen nish-tiree . . .

clothes.
هدوم.
hidoom.

gifts.
هدايا.
hadaaya.

postcards.
كارت بوستال.
kart bostaal.

stamps.
طوابع بريد.
tawaabiA bareed.

a map.
خريطة.
khareeTa.

a guidebook.
دليل سياحي.
daleel siyaaHee.

an umbrella.
شمسية.
shamsiyya.

I need a gift . . .

عاوز (عاوزة) هدية . . .
Aa-wiz (Aaw-za) he-deyya . . .

for my friend.
لصديقي (لصديقتي).
li-Sa-dee-qee (li-Sa-diq-tee).

for my parents.

لوالدي ووالدتي.
li-wal-dee wi-wal-ditee.

for my brother. / for my sister.

لأخويا / لأختي.
li-a-khoo-ya. / li-ukh-tee.

for my fiancé. / for my fianceé.

لخطيبي. / لخطيبتي.
li-kha-ʈee-bee. / li-kha-ʈib-tee.

What do you recommend?

تنصحني بإيه؟
tin-ʂaʜ-nee bi-eh?

I'm just browsing, thanks.

أنا باتفرج بس، شكرا.
ena bat-farr-ag bass, shok-ran.

That's . . .

. . . دي حاجة
dee ʜaa-ga . . .

nice. حلوة.
ḥilwa.

perfect. مثالية.
mithaaliya.

beautiful. جميلة.
gameela.

very appropriate مناسبة جدا.
munaasiba giddan.

not nice. مش حلوة.
miš ḥilwa.

hideous. بشعة.
bašʕa.

very beautiful. أحلى جمال.
aḥlaa gamaal.

I like this one.

دي عاجباني.
*dee **A**ag-baanee.*

I don't like this one.

دي مش عاجباني.
*dee mish **A**ag-baanee.*

Is this handmade?

دي شغل إيد؟
dee sho-ghl eed?

Can I try it on?

ممكن أقيسها؟
momkin a-'is-haa?

Does it suit me?

مناسبة لي؟
mo-nas-ba ley-ya?

It doesn't suit me.

مش مناسبة لي.
mish mo-nas-ba ley-ya.

It's not my size.

مش مقاسي.
mish ma-'aa-see.

Do you have something . . .

عندكم حاجة . . .
***A**andu-kum **H**aa-ga . . .*

cheaper?

أرخص؟
*ar-kha**S**?*

fancier?

أشيك؟
ash-yak?

in a larger size?

مقاس أكبر؟
ma-'aas ak-bar?

in a smaller size?

مقاس أصغر؟
*ma-'aas a**S**-ghar?*

in a different color?

بلون تاني؟
bi-lone taa-nee?

Where's the clearance section?

فين قسم التخفيضات؟
*fayn qism it-takh-fee-**D**aat?*

Haggling

How much is this?

بكام دي؟
bi-kaam dee?

The price is . . .

. . . سعرها
***Si**A**-ra-haa . . .*

reasonable.

معقول.
*ma**A**'-ool.*

a bit expensive.

غالي شوية.
ghaa-lee shu-way-ya.

very expensive.

غالي جدا.
ghaa-lee gid-dan.

Can we talk about the price?

ممكن نتكلم في السعر؟
momkin nit-kal-lim fis-siʿr?

I can pay up to . . .

أنا ممكن أدفع لحد . . .
ena momkin ad-faʿ li-ḥadd . . .

Paying

I'll pay cash.

حادفع كاش.
ḥad-faʿ kaash.

I don't have change.

ما عنديش فكة.
ma ʿan-deesh fak-ka.

Do you take . . .

بتاخذوا . . .
bi-takh-doo . . .

cards?

كروت؟
ko-root?

traveler's checks?

شيكات سياحية؟
shi-kaat siyya-ḥeyya?

dollars?

دولارات؟

do-laa-raat?

Can you wrap it?

ممكن تلفها؟
momkin ti-liff-ahaa?

Can you ship it?

ممكن تشحنها؟
*momkin tish-**H**in-haa?*

Can you deliver it?

ممكن توصلها؟
*momkin ti-wa**S**-**S**al-haa?*

The address is . . .

العنوان هو . . .
*il-**A**in-waan huw-wa . . .*

May I return this?

ممكن أرجع دي؟
*momkin a-rag-ga**A** dee?*

Killing Time

Doing Nothing

What do you feel like doing?

عاوزين تعملوا إيه؟
Aaw-zeen tiA-miloo eh?

Do you play . . .

. . . بتلعبوا
bi-til-Aaboo . . .

cards? كوتشينة؟ *kot-sheena?*

chess? شطرنج؟ *shet-rang?*

dominoes? دومينو؟

I win.

أنا الكسبان (الكسبانة).
enal kas-baan (kas-baana).

You lose.

أنت الخسران (الخسرانة).
ental khas-raan (entil khas-raana).

Let's play again.

يالا نلعب تاني.
*yal-la nil-**A**ab taa-nee.*

This game is fun.

حلوة لعبة دي.
***H**il-wa il-le**A**-ba dee.*

You're learning fast.

أنت بتتعلم (أنت بتتعلمي) بسرعة.
*enta bi-tit-**A**al-lim (enti bi-tit-**A**al-lim-ee) bi-sur-**A**a.*

You're hopeless.

ما فيش فايدة فيك.
maa feesh fay-da feek (fee-ki).

I want to . . .

أنا عاوز (عاوزة) . . .
*ena **A**a-wiz (**A**aw-za) . . .*

stay in.

أقعد في البيت.
*a'-**A**ud fil-bayt.*

relax.

أريح.
*a-ray-ya**H**.*

sit in a cafeteria.

أقعد في كافيتريا.
*a'-**A**ud fee kafi-tirya.*

sit and read somewhere.

أقعد أقرأ في حتة.
*a'-**A**ud a'-ra fee **H**it-ta.*

go for a walk.

أتمشى شوية.
at-mash-sha shu-way-ya.

An apostrophe in the pronunciation represents a short break or glottal stop. See page 8 for more details of how to pronounce this. Sometimes glottal stops group together, such as in the phrase *a'-**A**ud a'-ra* ("sit and read"). Do your best to pronounce them but don't worry too much; you should still be understood if you say the word without the apostrophes.

The Beach

Let's go to the beach.

يالا نروح البلاج.
*yal-la ni-roo**H** il-bi-laaj.*

I want to buy . . .

أنا عاوز (عاوزة) أشتري . . .
*ena **A**a-wiz (**A**aw-za) ash-ti-ree . . .*

a beach towel.

فوطة بلاج.
*foo-**T**it bi-laaj.*

a beach chair.

كرسي بلاج.
kor-see bi-laaj.

a beach umbrella.

شمسية بلاج.
sham-sey-yit bi-laaj.

a swimsuit.

مايوه.
maa-yoh.

flip-flops.

شبشب.
shib-shib.

sunscreen.

كريم للشمس.
ke-reym lish-shams.

a sun hat.

برنيطة للشمس.
*bor-ney-**T**a lish-shams.*

I need to put on sunscreen.

أنا عاوز (عاوزة) أحط كريم للشمس.
*ena **A**a-wiz (**A**aw-za) a-**H**u**TT** ke-reym lish-shams.*

Am I getting burned?

أنا محروق (محروقة) من الشمس؟
*ena ma**H**-roo' (ma**H**-roo'a) min ish-shams?*

You're getting burned.

أنت محروق (محروقة) من الشمس.
*enta ma**H**-roo' (enti ma**H**-roo'a) min ish-shams.*

You're . . .

. . . أنت
enta (enti) . . .

tan.

اسمريت.
is-mar-rayt (is-mar-raytee).

sunburned.

محروق (محروقة) من الشمس.
*ma**H**-roo' (ma**H**-roo'a) min ish-shams.*

really white.

أبيض خالص.
*ab-ya**D** khaa-li**S**.*

Can you swim here?

ممكن نستحمى هنا؟
*momkin nista-**H**am-ma hina?*

Is there a lifeguard?

فيه غطاس إنقاذ؟
*feeh gha**T**-**T**aa**S** in-qaaz?*

Is the water deep?

الميه غويطة؟
*il-my-ya gha-wee-**T**a?*

Let's go swimming.

ياللا ننزل البحر.
*yal-la nin-zil il-ba**H**r.*

Come on in!

انزلوا!
in-zi-loo!

The water's . . .

الميه ...
il-my-ya . . .

Great.

هايلة.
hay-la.

warm.

دافية.
daf-ya.

cold.

ساقعة.
*sa'-**A**a.*

shallow.

مش غويطة.
*mish gha-wee-**T**a.*

deep.

غويطة.
*gha-wee-**T**a.*

full of jellyfish.

مليانة قناديل بحر.
*mal-yaa-na qa-na-deel ba**H**r.*

full of sharks.

مليانة سمك قرش.
mal-yaa-na samak ‘irsh.

The sea is rough.

البحر هايج.
*il-ba**H**r haay-ig.*

Don’t go out too far.

ما تبعدوش لجوه.
*maa tib-**A**id-oosh li-gow-wa.*

I can see a . . .

أنا شايف (شايفة) . . .
ena shaa-yif (shay-fa) . . .

green flag. Let’s go in.

راية خضرا. يالا ننزل البحر.
*raa-ya kha**D**-ra. yal-la nin-zil il-ba**H**r.*

black flag. We can’t go in.

راية سودا. مش ممكن ننزل البحر.
*raa-ya so-da. mish momkin nin-zil il-ba**H**r.*

Let’s go . . .

يالا . . .
yal-la . . .

snorkeling.

نعمل سنوركل.

*ni**A**-mil snor-kel.*

scuba diving.

نغطس.
*nigh-**T**as.*

fishing.

نصطاد سمك.
*ni**S**-**T**aad samak.*

rent a boat.

نأجر مركب.
ni-'ag-gar mar-kib.

rent a Jet Ski.

نأجر جتسكي.
ni-'ag-gar jet-skee.

rent a surfboard.

نأجر لوح.
*ni-'ag-gar law**H**.*

Where is . . .

فين . . .
fayn . . .

the dock?

المرسى؟
il-mar-sa?

the dive club?

نادي الغوص؟
*naa-dee il-ghaw**S**?*

the marina?

المارينا؟
il-ma-ree-na?

Can we rent . . .

ممكن نأجر . . .
momkin ni-'ag-gar . . .

equipment?

عدة؟
Aid-da?

a wetsuit?

بدلة غطس؟
bad-lit ghaTs?

a mask?

نضارة بحر؟
naD-Daa-rit baHr?

Sports

Do you like playing . . .

بتحبوا تلعبوا . . .
bit-Hib-boo til-Aab-oo . . .

sports?

رياضة؟
ri-yaa-Da?

soccer?

كورة؟
ko-ra?

tennis?

تنس؟
tennis?

basketball?

باسكت؟
basket?

golf?

جولف؟
golf?

Do you like . . .

بتحبوا . . .
*bit-**H**ib-boo . . .*

swimming?

السباحة؟
*is-si-baa-**H**a?*

cycling?

العجل؟
*il-**A**a-gal?*

jogging?

الجري؟
il-gar-ee?

yoga?

اليوجا؟
il-yoga?

sailing?

الملاحة؟
*il-mi-laa-**H**a?*

skating?

الباتيناج؟
il-ba-ti-naaj?

diving?

الغطس؟
*il-gha**T**s?*

horseback riding?

ركوب الخيل؟
ro-koob il-khayl?

I'm not very good at this.

أنا مش كويس (كويسة) فيها.
ena mish kway-yis (kway-yisa) fee-haa.

You're very good at this!

أنت كويس (كويسة) فيها!
enta kway-yis (enti kway-yisa) fee-haa!

Let's race to the end.

يالا نسابق للآخر.
yal-la ni-saa-bi' lil-aa-khir.

This game is fun.

حلوة اللعبة دي.
***H**il-wa il-le**A**-ba dee.*

I'm tired.

أنا تعبان (تعبانة).
*ena ta**A**-baan (ta**A**-baana).*

I'd like to go to the gym.

عاوز (عاوزة) أروح الجيم.
***A**a-wiz (**A**aw-za) a-roo**H** il-jim.*

Is there a gym around here?

فيه هنا جيم؟
feeh hina jim?

Do you have . . .

عندكم . . .
***A**andu-kum . . .*

free weights?

أثقال حرة؟
*ath-qaal **H**ur-ra?*

cardio equipment?

أجهزة كارديو؟
ag-hiz-it kar-dyo?

a pool?

بيسين؟
bi-seen?

a sauna?

سونا؟
sau-na?

a treadmill?

مشاية؟
mash-shaa-ya?

aerobics?

ايروبيكس؟
ayr-ro-biks?

personal trainers?

مدرب خاص؟
*mo-dar-rib khaa**ss**?*

classes?

دروس؟
do-roos?

How much is a pass . . .

بكام الكارنيه . . .
bi-kaam il-kar-neh . . .

for one day?

ليوم واحد؟
*li-yom waa**H**id?*

for a week?

لأسبوع؟
*li-usboo-**A**?*

for a month?

لشهر؟
li-shahr?

for a year?

لسنة؟
li-san-na?

for two people?

لشخصين؟
*li-shakh-**s**ayn?*

Renting a Car

We want to rent a car.

عاوزين نأجر عربية.
***A**aw-zeen ni-'ag-gar **A**ara-beyya.*

What's the daily rate?

بكام الإيجار في اليوم؟
bi-kaam il-ee-gaar fil-yom?

How much is insurance?

بكام التأمين؟
bi-kaam it-ta'-meen?

Here's my license.

دي رخصتي.
*dee rokh-**s**it-ee.*

There's a dent in it.

فيها خبطة.
*fee-haa khab-**T**a.*

The paint is scratched.

فيها خرابيش.
fee-haa kha-ra-beesh.

We want to fill up with gas.

عاوزين نملا بنزين.
***A**aw-zeen nim-la ban-zeen.*

stop

ممنوع الدخول

*mamnoo**A** id-do-khool*

no stopping

ممنوع الوقوف

*mamnoo**A** il-wo-qoof*

parking

النطار

no parking

ممنوع الانتظار

*mamnoo**A** il-in-ti-**z**aar*

The Outdoors

We want to . . .

عاوزين ...

***A**aw-zeen . . .*

go on a desert safari.

نطلع رحلة سفاري صحراوي.

*ni**T**-la**A** ri**H**-lit sa-faa-ree **S**a**H**-raa-wee.*

visit ancient monasteries.

نزور أديرة أثرية.

ni-zoor ad-yi-ra a-tha-reyya.

see some wild animals.

نشوف حيوانات برية.

*ni-shoof **H**ay-waa-naat bar-reyya.*

We want to buy . . .

عاوزين نشتري . . .

***A**aw-zeen nish-tiree . . .*

a tent.

خيمة.

khay-ma.

a sleeping bag.

كيس نوم.

kees nome.

a sun hat.

برنيطة للشمس.
*bor-ney-**T**a lish-shams.*

a cool box.

صندوق كولمان.
***S**an-doo' kol-man.*

a flashlight.

بطارية نور.
*ba**T**-**T**aa-rey-yit noor.*

charcoal and a grill.

فحم وشواية.
*fa**H**m wi-shau-waa-ya.*

water jerrycans.

جراكن ميه.
ja-raa-kin my-ya.

gas jerrycans.

جراكن بنزين.
ja-raa-kin ben-zeen.

Do you have maps of the area?

عندكم خرايط للمنطقة؟
***A**andu-kum kha-raa-yi**T** lil-man-**T**i-'a?*

Is this area safe . . .

المنطقة دي أمان . . .
*il-man-**T**i-'a dee a-maan . . .*

for sleeping overnight?

للبيات؟
lil-bi-yaat?

for camping?

للتخييم؟
lit-takh-yeem?

for hunting?

للصيد؟
li-s-sayd?

Are there any . . . here?

فيه هنا . . .
feeh hina . . .

scorpions
عقارب؟
'a'aarib?

snakes
ثعابين؟
tha'aabeen?

foxes
ثعالب؟
tha'aalib?

Is this water clean?

المية دي نظيفة؟
il-my-ya dee ni-ɒeefa?

What's the weather like . . .

حالة الجو إيه . . .
ʜaa-lit ig-gau eh . . .

today?
النهاردة؟
in-nahaar-da?

tomorrow?
بكرة؟
bukra?

for the next two days?
اليومين دول؟
il-yomeen dool?

this week?
الأسبوع دة؟
il-usbooʕ da?

Will there be . . .

حيكون فيه . . . .
ʜay-koon feeh . . .

sandstorms?

خماسين؟
kha-ma-seen?

rain?

مطر؟
*ma-**T**ar?*

heat?

حر؟
***H**arr?*

cold?

برد؟
bard?

humidity?

رطوبة؟
*ro-**T**oo-ba?*

fog?

ضباب؟
***D**a-baab?*

a storm?

نوة؟
naw-wa?

Staying Healthy

Ailments

I'm sick.

أنا مريض (مريضة).
ena ma-reeD (ma-reeDa).

I have a pain in . . .

عندي ألم في . . .
Aan-dee alam fee . . .

my head.
رأسي.
my stomach.
بطني.
my throat.
زوري.
my ear.
ودني.
my tooth.
سناني.
my neck.
رقبتي.
my back.
ظهري.
my leg.
رجلي.

That hurts.

ده بيوجع.

*dah bi-yo-ga**A**.*

I have pain here.

عندي ألم هنا.
***A**an-dee alam hina.*

I feel that . . .

أنا حاسس (حاسسة) . . .
*ena **H**aa-sis (**H**as-sa) . . .*

I'm better.

إني أحسن.
*in-nee a**H**-san.*

the pain has increased.

إن الألم زاد.
in il-alam zaad.

I'm tired.

إني تعبان (تعبانة).
*in-nee ta**A**-baan (ta**A**-baana).*

I'm not right.

إني مش مظبوط (مظبوطة).
*in-nee mish ma**Z**-boo**T** (ma**Z**-boo**T**a).*

I'm dizzy.

إني دايخ (دايخة).
in-nee daa-yikh (day-kha).

I'm nauseous.

إن بطني مقلوبة.
*in bu**T**-nee ma'-loo-ba.*

I have . . .

عندي . . .
***A**an-dee . . .*

a cold.

بردة

a fever.
سخونية.
sukh-oo-nia.

diarrhea.
إسهال.
is-hal.

constipation.
إمساك.
im-saak.

Remember not to pronounce an Arabic “s” as a “z” sound. See page 4 for more details.

I threw up.
رجعت.
rag-gaAt.

I’ve broken . . .
أنا كسرت . . .
ena kas-art . . .

my arm.
ذراعي.
di-raa-Aee.

my finger.
صباعي.
So-baa-Aee.

my wrist.
رسغي.
ris-ghee.

my toe.
صباع رجلي.
So-baa-A rig-lee.

my ankle.
كاحلي.
kaa-hilee.

my foot.

قدمي.
qad-amee.

my leg.

رجلي.
rig-lee.

my rib.

ضلع.
***D**il-**A**.*

my collarbone.

الترقوة.
it-tar-qu-wa.

Is it broken?

دي مكسورة؟
dee mak-soora?

Is it infected?

ده متلوث؟
dah mit-lau-weth?

Medicine and Prescriptions

I ran out of medicine.

الدوا خلص.
id-dawa khil-lis.

I need more of this medicine.

محتاج (محتاجة) دوا كمان.
*mi**H**-taag (mi**H**-taaga) dawa ka-maan.*

I need a new prescription.

محتاج (محتاجة) روشتة جديدة.
*mi**H**-taag (mi**H**-taaga) ro-shet-ta gi-deeda.*

I'm allergic to . . .

عندي حساسية من . . .
Aan-dee Hasa-seyya min . . .

ibuprofen.

الايبوبروفين.
il-eye-bew-bro-fen.

penicillin.

البنسلين.
il-bene-si-leen.

aspirin.

الأسبرين.
il-asbi-reen.

bee stings.

قرص النحل.
arS in-naHl.

nuts.

المكسرات.
il-mi-kas-sa-raat.

I'm diabetic.

عندي السكر.
Aan-dee is-sok-kar.

I have asthma.

عندي ربو.
Aan-dee rab-wu.

Toiletries

I need to buy . . .

عاوز (عاوزة) أشتري . . .
Aa-wiz (Aaw-za) ash-ti-ree . . .

Band-Aids.

بلاستر.
bi-las-ter.

sunscreen.

كريم للشمس.
ke-reym lish-shams.

toothpaste.

معجون سنان.
*ma**A**-goon si-naan.*

a toothbrush.

فرشاة سنان.
for-shet sin-naan.

a razor.

موس حلاقة.
*moos **H**i-laa-'a.*

shaving cream.

كريم حلاقة.
*ke-reym **H**i-laa-'a.*

makeup.

مكياج.
mak-yaaj.

hair conditioner.

مكيف للشعر.
*mo-kay-yef lish-sha**A**r.*

a hairbrush.

فرشاة شعر.
*for-shet sha**A**r.*

tampons.

تامباكس.
tam-baks.

new glasses.

نظارة جديدة.
*na**D**-**D**aa-ra gi-deeda.*

new contact lenses.

عدسات نظر جديدة.
***A**ada-saat na-**Z**ar gi-deeda.*

contact lens solution.

محلول لعدسات النظر.
*ma**H**-lool li-**A**ada-saat in-na-**Z**ar.*

Emergencies

Help!

الحقونا!
*il-**H**a'-oo-na!*

Leave me alone!

ابعدوا عني!
*ib-**A**id-oo **A**an-nee!*

Go away!

امشي!
im-shee!

Thief!

حرامي!
***H**a-raa-mee!*

Emergency!

طوارئ!
***T**a-waa-ri'!*

Call the police!

هاتوا البوليس!
haa-too il-bo-lees!

Call an ambulance!

هاتوا الاسعاف!
*haa-too il-is-**A**aaf!*

Call a doctor!

هاتوا دكتور!
haa-too dok-toor!

Help me.

ساعدوني.
*saa-**A**d-oo-nee.*

I'm lost.

أنا تهت.
ena tuht.

Crime

I was mugged.

سرقوني.
sa-ra'-oo-nee.

I was assaulted.

ضربوني.
***D**a-rab-oo-nee.*

I lost . . .

ضيعت . . .
***D**ay-ya**A**t . . .*

my passport.

الباسبور.
il-bas-bor.

my wallet.

المحفظة.

*il-ma**H**-fa**Z**a.*

my computer.

الكمبيوتر.
il-kom-byoo-tir.

my camera.

الكاميرا.
il-ka-mi-ra.

my glasses.

النظارة.
*in-na**D**-**D**aa-ra.*

my bag.

الشنطة.
*ish-shan-**T**a.*

They stole . . .

سرقوا . . .
sa-ra-'oo . . .

my watch.

ساعتي.
*sa**A**-tee.*

my phone.

تليفوني.
tilee-fo-nee.

my money.

فلوسي.
fi-loo-see.

my clothes.

هدومي.
ho-doo-mee.

my bags.

شنطي.
*sho-na**T**ee.*

Grammar in Five Minutes

Spoken Arabic

The Arabic language comes in many different levels, from ultra-formal to local slang. The Arabic in this phrase book is **natural spoken Arabic** with an Egyptian pronunciation. This is universally understood and will help you communicate throughout the Arab World.

Pronouns

Here are some of the most important words you'll need for Arabic: the **personal pronouns.**

SINGULAR		PLURAL	
I	ena	**we**	iH-na
you (male)	enta	**you** (plural)	entoo
you (female)	enti	**they**	homma
he	huw-wa		
she	hey-ya		

Four Simple Things About Arabic

There are some things about Arabic that make life much simpler for you. Here are four of the best:

1 You don't need the words "a" or "an." So "a cup" is just "cup" (fin-gaan) and "an apple" is just "apple" (tof-faaH-a).

2 Generally, **you don't need the verb "to be"** ("am," "are," "is"). So "This is Tom" is just "This Tom" (dah tom), and "I am a student" is "I student" (ena Taa-lib).

3 There's no special question structure in Arabic. Just raise the

pitch of your voice at the end. For example, Aan-duh fin-gaan (“He has a cup”) becomes a question by simply raising the pitch on the final word: Aan-duh *fin-gaan?* (“Does he have a cup?”).

4 Finally, **you can express actions and feelings without necessarily using verbs**. For example, “I feel like . . . ” is nif-see . . . which means “my desire . . . ”.

Gender

One thing about Arabic that often throws English speakers for a loop: **all Arabic nouns have a gender**—they are either a “he” or a “she.” Luckily there’s a logic behind the system: generally words that end with the sound -a are a “she,” and those that don’t are a “he.” So “cup” (fin-gaan) is a “he,” and “fork” (shoka) is a “she.”

Not only are nouns gendered, but any **adjectives** that describe nouns are gendered as well. “A clean cup” is fin-gaan ni-Deef, but “a clean fork” is shoka ni-Deefa. You’ll still get your point across even if you make mistakes with this, so don’t worry about it too much.

Adjectives After Nouns

As you saw above with fin-gaan ni-Deef, **adjectives in Arabic come after the noun**. This is the opposite of English—we say “a clean cup,” not “a cup clean.”

Saying “the”

The word for “the” in Arabic is il (also pronounced el or al): il-fin-gaan (“the cup”). This doesn’t change depending on the gender or the number of things.

Verbs in the Present Tense

English verbs are conjugated—modified slightly in form to reflect who’s performing the action of the verb. English conjugation is simple, with the only change being “I/you/we/they drink” changing to “he/she drinks.” Arabic verbs are **conjugated** too, but in a different way.

The table below shows a typical Arabic verb, “drink,” conjugated fully in the present tense. The bits that change are shown in bold. Notice how the stress moves when the form includes an addition on the end of the verb.

SINGULAR		PLURAL	
I drink	a-shrab	**we drink**	ni-shrab
you (m.) **drink**	ti-shrab	**you** (pl.) **drink**	ti-shrab-**oo**
you (f.) **drink**	ti-shrab-**ee**	**they drink**	yi-shrab-**oo**
he drinks	yi-shrab		
she drinks	ti-shrab		

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